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FOREWORD

The 2014 Mini Ethiopia Demographic and Health Survey (EMDHS) was conducted by the Central Statistical Agency (CSA) under the aegis of the Ministry of Health. The main objective of the survey was to collect population-based data on key demographic indicators that support the monitoring and evaluation needs for Phase IV of the Ethiopia Health Sector Development Program. It is envisaged that the survey would provide a basis for measuring the progress of the health sector goals set under the Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) and that is also closely aligned to the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). Specifically, the 2014 EMDHS was conducted to obtain current information on: contraceptive prevalence; maternity care indicators, including at least one antenatal visit, and skilled birth attendance at delivery; and, data to measure specific MDG indicators.

The EMDHS interviewed 8,070 women age 15-49 from a nationally representative sample of 8,475 households. In this report key health indicators are provided for the country as a whole, for urban and rural areas, and for each of the nine regional states and two city administrations.

Major stakeholders from various government, non-government and UN organizations have been involved and contributed in the technical, managerial and operational aspects of the survey. The CSA would therefore, like to acknowledge these organizations and individuals who contributed in various ways to the successful completion of the 2014 EMDHS. The Agency is grateful for the commitment of the Government of Ethiopia and the generous funding support from the Promoting of Basic Services (PBS) Project III. Special thanks to the external consultant and two Ethiopians hired by the World Bank to provide day-to-day administrative, technical and logistical support to the CSA during all phases of the survey. Thanks also go to the World Bank for hiring two other consultants to assist CSA with sampling and data processing. All staff hired by the bank had considerable experience in managing and conducting the three previous Ethiopia DHS surveys and this has ensured that results from the EMDHS is closely comparable to the DHS surveys. CSA is grateful to UNICEF for purchasing height boards to support the anthropometric data collection for children under 5 years. The Agency is also grateful for the team of experts from CSA, MOH and EPHI who have participated in preparing the report of the survey in collaboration with consultants from the World Bank.

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Goal	Indicator	Value		Total
		Female	Male	
1.	Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger			
	1.8 Prevalence of underweight children under five years of age ¹	25.7%	24.8%	25.2%
2.	Achieve universal primary education			
	2.1 Net attendance ratio in primary education ²	67.5%	64.0%	65.7%
	2.3 Literacy rate of 15-24 year olds ³	64.6%	na	na
3.	Promote gender equality and empower women			
	3.1a Ratio of girls to boys in primary education ⁴			1.1
	3.1b Ratio of girls to boys in secondary education ⁴			1.4
	3.1c Ratio of girls to boys in tertiary education ⁴			1.0
5.	Improve maternal health			
	5.2 Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel ⁵	15.5%	na	na
	5.3 Contraceptive prevalence rate ⁶	42.0%	na	na
	5.4 Adolescent birth rate ⁷	63 per 1,000	na	na
	5.5 a) Antenatal care coverage: at least one ANC visit	58.3%	na	na
	b) Antenatal care coverage: at least four ANC visits	32.1%	na	na
		Urban	Rural	Total
7.	Ensure environmental sustainability			
	7.8 Proportion of population using an improved drinking water source ⁸	92.0%	44.8%	52.7%
	7.9 Proportion of population using an improved sanitation facility ⁹	14.5%	2.5%	4.5%

na = Not applicable

¹ Proportion of children age 0-59 months who are below -2 standard deviations (SD) from the median of the WHO Child Growth Standards in weight-for-age.

² The rate is based on reported attendance, not enrollment, in primary education among primary school age children (7-14 year-olds). The rate also includes children of primary school age enrolled in secondary education. This is a proxy for MDG indicator 2.1, Net enrollment ratio.

³ Refers to respondents who attended secondary school or higher or who could read a whole sentence or part of a sentence

⁴ Based on reported net attendance, not gross enrollment

⁵ Among births in the five years preceding the survey

⁶ Percentage of currently married women age 15-49 using any method of contraception

⁷ Equivalent to the age-specific fertility rate for women age 15-19 for the 3-year period before the survey, expressed in terms of births per 1,000 women age 15-19

⁸ Percentage of *de jure* population whose main source of drinking water is a household connection (piped), public standpipe, borehole, protected dug well or spring, rainwater collection, or bottled water.

⁹ Percentage of *de jure* population with access to flush toilet, ventilated improved pit latrine, traditional pit latrine with a slab, or composting toilet and does not share this facility with other households.

Key Findings

- The 2014 Ethiopia Mini Demographic and Health Survey (EMDHS) is a nationally representative survey of 8,070 women age 15-49.
- The survey provides a basis for measuring the progress of the health sector goals set under the GTP and that is also closely aligned to the MDG. The EMDHS provides updated information on key health indicators since 2011.

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Ethiopia's Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) 2011-2015 has been designed to maintain the rapid and broad-based economic growth enjoyed by Ethiopia in the recent past and eventually to end poverty (MOFED, 2010). The Health Sector Development Program (HSDP) is a key component of the GTP and its primary objective is to improve the health of the population through the promotion of preventive, curative and rehabilitative health services by:

- Improving access to affordable health services; and
- Improving the quality of health services

The health policy in Ethiopia also takes into account broader issues such as population dynamics, food availability, acceptable living conditions, and other essentials of better health. The HSDP prioritizes maternal and newborn care, and child health, and aims to halt and reverse the spread of major communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria. The Health Extension Programme (HEP) serves as the primary vehicle for the prevention, health promotion, behavioural change communication, and basic curative care. The HEP is an innovative health service delivery programme that aims at universal coverage of primary health care. The programme is based on expanding physical health infrastructure and developing Health Extension Workers (HEWs) who provide basic preventive and curative health services in the rural community.

The first phase of the HSDP (HSDP I) was initiated in 1996/97. Thus far, the country has implemented the HSDP in three cycles and is in its fourth phase, HSDP IV (2010/11-2014/15). Assessment of HSDP III shows remarkable achievements in the expansion and construction of health facilities, and improvement in the quality of health service provision.

HSDP IV is designed to provide massive training of health workers to improve the provision of quality health services and the development of a community health insurance strategy for the country (MOH, 2010). In addition, HSDP IV prioritizes maternal and newborn care, and child health. In line with the government's current five-year national plan, the health sector continues to emphasize primary health care and preventive services; with focus on extending services to those who have not yet been reached and on improving the effectiveness of services, especially addressing difficulties in staffing and the flow of drugs.

To assist with monitoring these objectives, Ethiopia has made considerable effort to generate reliable demographic data by conducting a number of demographic and health surveys including the

2000, 2005, and 2011 Ethiopia Demographic and Health Surveys (EDHS). These surveys yield substantial information on fertility, family planning, contraceptive use, maternal and child health, nutrition and breastfeeding practices, and HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

1.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE 2014 EMDHS SURVEY

The 2014 Ethiopia Mini Demographic and Health Survey (EMDHS) was fielded to collect population-based data on key demographic indicators to support the monitoring and evaluation needs for Phase IV of the HSDP. The survey provides a basis for measuring the progress of the health sector goals set under the GTP and that is also closely aligned to the MDG. The EMDHS provides updated information on key health indicators since 2011 when the third Ethiopia Demographic and Health (2011 EDHS) survey was conducted. The sample design, sample selection and survey methodology employed in the EMDHS is identical to that of the three previous EDHS surveys in order to ensure comparability.

The EMDHS was undertaken on a representative sample of women in the reproductive ages of 15-49. Its specific objectives are to collect information which will allow for estimation of some of the MDG indicators including the 3 disbursement linked indicators¹ agreed for the Ethiopia MDG Support Program for Results operation. Specifically the EMDHS:

- measures the contraceptive prevalence rate of women;
- collects data on maternity care indicators including antenatal visits and assistance at delivery; and,
- collects data to measure some MDG indicators.

1.3 ORGANIZATION OF THE SURVEY

The EMDHS was carried out under the aegis of the Ministry of Health which had a primary role in planning for the survey and in the analysis and dissemination of the survey results. The Central Statistical Agency (CSA) served as the implementing agency for the EMDHS. The CSA took responsibility for operational matters including planning and conducting fieldwork, processing of collected data and organizing the writing and distribution of reports. The CSA furnished the necessary central office space for survey personnel and undertook to secure transport for the data collection activities. Staff from the CSA was responsible for overseeing the day-to-day technical operations including recruitment and training of field and data processing staff and the supervision of the office and field operations.

Funding for this survey came from the Promoting of Basic Services Project III which supports development of country statistical systems. An external consultant was hired by the World Bank to provide technical assistance during all phases of the survey together with two Ethiopians who provided day-to-day administrative, technical and logistical support to the CSA. In addition, limited technical assistance was provided on sample design and data processing by two external consultants hired by the World Bank. All staff hired by the bank had considerable experience in managing and conducting the three previous Ethiopia DHS surveys.

¹ These indicators are: contraceptive prevalence rate, antenatal care (at least one visit), and deliveries attended by skilled birth providers.

The CSA formed a Technical Working Group (TWG), to provide ongoing technical input in the planning, implementation and analysis phases of the survey. The TWG was made up of representatives from the Ministry of Health (MOH), Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI), CSA, and the World Bank.

1.4 SAMPLE DESIGN

A detailed sampling plan laying out the target sample size and the sample selection procedures was prepared. In order to achieve the survey objectives, a stratified national sample of about 9,150 private households was targeted for the EMDHS. All women age 15-49, living permanently in the selected households or present in the household on the night before the survey visit, were eligible to be interviewed in the EMDHS.

The EMDHS sample was drawn in two stages. The first stage of sample selection involved the selection of approximately 305 sampling units consisting of enumeration areas that was drawn from the 2007 Population and Housing Census. The sample was stratified so as to yield adequate representation in urban and rural areas, and for each of the 11 regions, for which separate estimates of key indicators were obtained through the 2014 EMDHS. In each of these sampling domains, the sampling units were drawn with a probability proportional to their size, and households were drawn with an inverse probability such that the sample is self-weighted within a domain.

Updating of the selected clusters (mapping and a complete listing of households in each sampling unit) was undertaken prior to the EMDHS fieldwork. A total of 22 teams, each consisting of two listers, was recruited for the updating, which was carried out over three months. Twenty-two fieldwork supervisors and five coordinators were responsible for monitoring the activities of the listing teams. The CSA organized a five-day training for the supervisors and listers prior to the start of the sample updating.

In the second stage an equal probability systematic selection of 30 households per cluster was carried out from the newly created household listing. The survey interviewers interviewed only the pre-selected households. No replacements and no changes of the pre-selected households were allowed in the implementing stages in order to prevent bias.

The sampling design provides updated information on some key health indicators for HSDP IV showing trends using the standard DHS reference periods to monitor the country's progress towards achieving the MDG goals. These indicators are calculated exactly the same way to ensure comparability with earlier rounds of DHS.

1.5 QUESTIONNAIRES

The EMDHS used two questionnaires: (1) a Household Questionnaire, and, (2) a Woman's Questionnaire, for individual women. These instruments were based on the 2011 Ethiopia DHS, and adapted to the needs of users of the EMDHS.

The Household Questionnaire was used to list all the usual members and visitors of selected households. Basic information was collected on the characteristics of each person listed, including age, sex, education, and relationship to the head of the household. The data on the age and sex of

household members obtained in the Household Questionnaire were used to identify women who were eligible for the individual interview. The Household Questionnaire also collected information on characteristics of the household's dwelling unit, such as the source of water, type of toilet facilities, materials used for the floor of the house, and ownership of various consumer durable goods. In addition, this questionnaire was used to record height and weight measurements of all children under age 5. For the first time, data was also collected on whether households received support from the Productive Safety Nets Programme.

The Woman's Questionnaire was used to collect information from all women age 15-49. These women were asked questions on the following topics:

- Background characteristics such as age, education, literacy and marital status
- Birth history and childhood mortality
- Knowledge and use of family planning methods
- Antenatal, delivery and postnatal care.

After preparation of the definitive questionnaires in English, they were translated into the three main Ethiopian languages (Amharic, Oromiffa, and Tigrigna).

In addition to the questionnaires, the following technical documents were also prepared:

- Listing Manual;
- Interviewers' Manual;
- Supervisors'/Field Editors' Manual;
- Interviewer and Supervisor Assignment Sheets;
- Data Processing Manual.

1.6 PRETEST, MAIN TRAINING, FIELDWORK, AND DATA PROCESSING

Pretest

Before the start of fieldwork, the questionnaires were pretested in all three local languages to make sure that the questions were clear and could be understood by the respondents. CSA staff participated in a two-week pretest training and fieldwork conducted by consultants hired by the World Bank, from 12 November to 26 November 2013. Fifteen participants were trained to administer paper questionnaires and take anthropometric measurements. The pretest fieldwork, which covered 200 households, was conducted over five days in urban *kebeles* of Addis Ababa; and in both urban and rural *kebeles* in the surrounding towns of Butajera, Adama and Mekele. These *kebeles* were outside the EMDHS sample points. Debriefing sessions were held with the pretest field staff, and the questionnaires were modified based on lessons drawn from the pretest exercise.

Main Training

Recruitment of interviewers, editors, and supervisors for the main fieldwork was conducted in the nine regions and two city administrations, taking into account the languages of the specific areas. Accommodation was arranged for the trainees and trainers at a training site, Ethiopian Management Institute in Debre Zeit (Besheftu). CSA recruited and trained 132 people for the main fieldwork to

serve as supervisors, editors, female interviewers, and reserve interviewers. Also trained were field quality control staff, office editors, and office supervisors. The training of interviewers, editors and supervisors was conducted from 26 December 2013 to 8 January 2014. The training consisted of instruction on interviewing techniques and field procedures, a detailed review of the questionnaire content, instruction and practice in weighing and measuring children, mock interviews between participants in the classroom, field practice in anthropometry, and, interviews with real respondents in areas outside the EMDHS sample points. Team supervisors and editors were trained in data quality control procedures and fieldwork coordination. The Amharic questionnaires were mainly used during the training, while the Tigrigna and Oromiffa versions were simultaneously checked against the Amharic questionnaires to ensure accurate translation.

Fieldwork

Twenty-two interviewing teams carried out data collection for the EMDHS. Each team consisted of one team supervisor, one field editor, three female interviewers, one cook, and one driver. Eleven staff members from CSA coordinated and supervised fieldwork activities. World Bank consultants and representatives from other organisations supporting the survey, including EPHI and MOH, also supervised fieldwork. In addition to the field teams, a quality control team was present in each of the 11 regions. Each quality control team had two persons to monitor the quality of the interviews. The quality control teams regularly visited and often stayed with the EMDHS teams throughout the fieldwork period to closely supervise and monitor them. Data collection took place over a four-month period from 10 January 2014 to the end of April 2014.

Data Processing

All questionnaires for the EMDHS were returned to the CSA headquarters in Addis Ababa for data processing, which consisted of office editing, coding of open-ended questions, data entry, and editing computer-identified errors. The data were processed by a team of 18 data entry operators, 2 office editors, 2 data entry supervisors and 3 programmers. Data entry and editing were accomplished using the CSPro software. The processing of data was initiated in January 24, 2014 and completed in May 6, 2014.

1.7 ANTHROPOMETRY

Height and weight measurements were carried out on children under age 5 in all selected households. Weight measurements were obtained using lightweight, SECA mother-infant scales with a digital screen, designed and manufactured under the guidance of UNICEF. Height measurements were carried out using a Shorr measuring board purchased by UNICEF for the survey. Children younger than 24 months were measured for height while lying down, and older children, while standing.

1.8 RESPONSE RATES

Table 1.1 shows household and individual response rates for the EMDHS. A total of 9,135 households were selected for the sample, of which 8,727 were found to be occupied during data collection. Of these, 8,475 were successfully interviewed, yielding a household response rate of 97 percent.

In the interviewed households 8,492 eligible women were identified for individual interview; interviews were completed for 8,070 women age 15-49, yielding an individual response rate of 95 percent. Response rates for women were only marginally higher in urban areas than in rural areas.

Due to the non-proportional allocation of the sample to the different regions and to their urban and rural areas, sampling weights are used for analyzing the EMDHS data to ensure the actual representativeness of the survey results at the national and regional level (for more information on sample weights, see Appendix A). Both weighted and unweighted numbers are shown in the tables of this report.

Table 1.1 Results of the household and individual interviews			
Number of households, number of interviews, and response rates, according to residence (unweighted), Ethiopia 2014			
Result	Residence		Total
	Urban	Rural	
Household interviews			
Households selected	2,781	6,354	9,135
Households occupied	2,651	6,076	8,727
Households interviewed	2,556	5,919	8,475
Household response rate ¹	96.4	97.4	97.1
Interviews with women age 15-49			
Number of eligible women	2,783	5,709	8,492
Number of eligible women interviewed	2,658	5,412	8,070
Eligible women response rate ²	95.5	94.8	95.0

¹ Households interviewed/households occupied

² Respondents interviewed/eligible respondents

Key Findings

- More than half of households in Ethiopia (57 percent) have access to an improved source of drinking water.
- Only 4 percent of households have an improved toilet facility, not shared with other households.
- About one household in every four (24 percent) has access to electricity.
- A large proportion of the Ethiopian population (45 percent) is under age 15.
- More than one household in every four (23 percent) is female-headed.

This chapter summarizes demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of the population in the households sampled in the 2014 Ethiopia Mini Demographic and Health Survey (EMDHS). The survey collected information from all usual residents of a selected household (the *de jure* population) and persons who had stayed in the selected household the night before the interview (the *de facto* population). Since the difference between these two populations is very small, and to maintain comparability with other DHS reports, all tables in this report refer to the *de facto* population unless otherwise specified. As in the DHS surveys, in the EMDHS, a household was defined as a single person or a group of related or unrelated persons who live together in the same dwelling unit(s) or in connected premises, who acknowledge one adult member as head of the household, and who have common arrangements for cooking and eating. The Household Questionnaire (see Appendix E) included a schedule of questions to obtain basic demographic and socioeconomic data (e.g., age, sex, educational attainment, and current school attendance) for all usual residents and for visitors who spent the night preceding the interview in the household. The Household Questionnaire also obtained information on housing characteristics (e.g., source of drinking water and type of sanitation facilities) and household possessions.

The information presented in this chapter is intended to facilitate interpretation of key demographic, socioeconomic, and health indices presented later in the report. It is also intended to assist in the assessment of the representativeness of the survey sample.

2.1 HOUSEHOLD ENVIRONMENT

Physical characteristics of a household's environment serve as indicators of the socioeconomic status of households and are important determinants of the health status of household members. The EMDHS asked respondents about the source of drinking water for their household, the type of sanitation facility, access to electricity, and type of flooring material used in the dwelling. The results are presented here in terms of households and of the *de jure* population.

2.1.1 Drinking Water

Increasing access to improved drinking water is one of the Millennium Development Goals that Ethiopia and other nations worldwide have adopted (United Nations General Assembly, 2002). The source of the water is an indicator of whether it is suitable for drinking. Sources that are likely to provide water suitable for drinking are identified as improved sources. These include a piped source

within the dwelling, yard, or plot; a public tap/standpipe; borehole; a protected well; a protected spring; and rainwater (WHO and UNICEF, 2010).

Table 2.1 presents information on households' access to drinking water. More than half of the households in Ethiopia (57 percent) have access to an improved source of drinking water, with a much higher proportion among urban households (94 percent) than among rural households (46 percent). The most common source of improved drinking water in urban households is piped water, used by 87 percent of urban households. In contrast, only 18 percent of rural households have access to piped water. Sixteen percent of rural households have access to drinking water from a protected well, and 11 percent have access to drinking water from a protected spring.

Nationally, the proportion of Ethiopian households with access to an improved source of drinking water has increased only marginally in the last three years from 54 percent in 2011 to 57 percent in 2014, in contrast to the marked increase in the six years from 2005 to 2011. Access to piped water increased from 24 percent in 2005 to 34 percent in 2011 and changed marginally to 33 percent in 2014.

Table 2.1 Household drinking water
Percent distribution of households and *de jure* population by source of drinking water according to residence, Ethiopia 2014

Characteristic	Households			Population		
	Urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Rural	Total
Source of drinking water						
Improved source	94.3	46.4	56.9	92.0	44.8	52.7
Piped into dwelling	2.6	0.0	0.6	2.5	0.0	0.5
Piped to yard/plot	52.4	0.9	12.2	48.5	0.7	8.7
Public tap/standpipe	32.0	16.7	20.1	32.3	16.9	19.5
Borehole	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.3
Protected well	4.6	16.4	13.8	5.3	15.0	13.4
Protected spring	2.2	11.3	9.3	3.0	11.0	9.6
Rain water	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.7
Bottled water	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Non-improved source	4.7	53.1	42.5	7.2	54.7	46.8
Unprotected well	1.3	5.0	4.2	2.2	5.4	4.8
Unprotected spring	0.9	31.6	24.8	1.0	32.4	27.1
Tanker truck/cart with small tank	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.4
Surface water	1.9	16.3	13.1	3.2	16.7	14.4
Other Source	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percentage using any improved source of drinking water	94.3	46.4	56.9	92.0	44.8	52.7
Weighted number	1,861	6,614	8,475	6,720	33,384	40,104
Unweighted number	2,556	5,919	8,475	9,563	30,436	39,999

2.1.2 Household Sanitation Facilities

Ensuring adequate sanitation facilities is another Millennium Development Goal that Ethiopia shares with other countries. At the household level, adequate sanitation facilities include an improved toilet and disposal that separates waste from human contact. A household is classified as having an improved toilet if it is used only by members of one household (that is, it is not shared) and if the facility used by the household separates the waste from human contact (WHO and UNICEF, 2010).

Table 2.2 shows that only 4 percent of households in Ethiopia use improved toilet facilities that are not shared with other households, 11 percent in urban areas and 2 percent in rural areas. Eight percent of households (31 percent in urban areas and 1 percent in rural areas) use shared toilet facilities. The vast majority of households, 88 percent, use non-improved toilet facilities (97 percent in rural areas and 58 percent in urban areas). The most common type of non-improved toilet facility is an open pit latrine or pit latrine without slabs, used by 57 percent of households in rural areas and 44 percent of households in urban areas.

Access to improved toilet facilities appears to have declined over the last ten years from 7 percent in 2005 to 4 percent in 2014. However, there has been a marked increase over the same period in access to non-improved facilities, and particularly in the use of pit latrines without slabs/open pits from 19 percent to 54 percent, with a concomitant decrease in households with no facility.

Table 2.2 Household sanitation facilities

Percent distribution of households and de jure population by type of toilet/latrine facilities, according to residence, Ethiopia 2014

Type of toilet/latrine facility	Households			Population		
	Urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Rural	Total
Improved, not shared facility	10.8	2.3	4.2	14.5	2.5	4.5
Flush/pour flush to piped sewer system	1.8	0.0	0.4	2.2	0.0	0.4
Flush/pour flush to septic tank	0.9	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.2
Flush/pour flush to pit latrine	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.2
Ventilated improved pit (VIP) latrine	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Pit latrine with slab	6.7	1.1	2.3	9.6	1.1	2.5
Composting toilet	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.6	1.2	1.1
Shared facility¹	31.3	1.1	7.8	26.5	0.9	5.2
Flush/pour flush to piped sewer system	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Flush/pour flush to septic tank	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.1
Flush/pour flush to pit latrine	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.1
Ventilated improved pit (VIP) latrine	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.1
Pit latrine with slab	28.2	0.9	6.9	23.9	0.6	4.5
Composting toilet	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.3
Non-improved facility	57.9	96.5	88.1	59.0	96.6	90.3
Flush/pour flush not to sewer/septic tank/pit latrine	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pit latrine without slab/open pit	44.4	56.7	54.0	44.5	57.9	55.6
Bucket	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hanging toilet/hanging latrine	1.8	0.0	0.4	1.5	0.0	0.2
No facility/bush/field	11.3	39.8	33.5	12.7	38.7	34.3
Other	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Weighted number	1,861	6,614	8,475	6,720	33,384	40,104
Unweighted number	2,556	5,919	8,475	9,563	30,436	39,999

¹ Shared facility of an otherwise improved type.

2.1.3 Housing Characteristics

Table 2.3 presents data on a household's access to electricity and the type of flooring material used in the dwelling. These characteristics reflect the household's socioeconomic situation.

Only about one household in every four (24 percent) has electricity, with a very large disparity between urban and rural households (87 percent versus 6 percent). In urban areas the proportion of households with electricity rose from 76 percent in 2000 to 86 percent in 2005, remained virtually unchanged in 2011 at 85 percent, and increased slightly to 87 percent in 2014.

Forty-three percent of houses have dung floors, and 42 percent have earth or sand floor. Rural houses are more likely than urban houses to have dung floors (48 percent), or earth or sand floor (48 percent), while urban houses are more likely to have floors made with vinyl or asphalt strips (34 percent), or with cement (15 percent).

Table 2.3 Household characteristics

Percent distribution of households by housing characteristics, according to residence, Ethiopia 2014

Housing characteristic	Residence		Total
	Urban	Rural	
Electricity			
Yes	87.4	6.0	23.8
No	12.6	94.0	76.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Flooring material			
Earth, sand	21.7	47.6	41.9
Dung	22.5	48.3	42.6
Wood/planks	0.2	0.1	0.1
Palm/bamboo	0.1	0.7	0.6
Parquet or polished wood	0.6	0.0	0.1
Vinyl or asphalt strips	33.6	1.3	8.4
Ceramic tiles	1.3	0.0	0.3
Cement	14.9	1.3	4.3
Carpet	4.5	0.1	1.1
Other	0.6	0.5	0.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Weighted number	1,861	6,614	8,475
Unweighted number	2,556	5,919	8,475

2.1.4 Household Possessions

The availability of durable consumer goods is another indicator of a household's socioeconomic status. Moreover, particular goods have specific benefits. For instance, a radio or a television can bring household members information and new ideas; a refrigerator prolongs the wholesomeness of foods; and a means of transport can increase access to many services that are beyond walking distance. More recently, the availability of cell phones has considerably increased the exposure, particularly of rural households, to communication and information. Table 2.4 shows the extent of possession of selected consumer goods by urban or rural residence. Forty-nine percent of households have mobile telephones, 34 percent have radios, 12 percent have televisions, 4 percent have refrigerators, and 3 percent have non-mobile telephones.

Table 2.4 Household possessions

Percentage of households possessing various household effects, means of transportation, agricultural land and livestock/farm animals by residence, Ethiopia 2014

Possession	Residence		Total
	Urban	Rural	
Household effects			
Radio	45.7	30.1	33.5
Television	46.8	1.6	11.5
Mobile telephone	83.7	39.6	49.3
Non-mobile telephone	11.1	0.3	2.6
Refrigerator	16.5	1.0	4.4
Means of transport			
Bicycle	5.2	0.8	1.7
Animal drawn cart	1.2	1.1	1.2
Motorcycle/scooter	1.7	0.6	0.9
Car/truck	2.9	0.0	0.7
Ownership of agricultural land	18.1	86.7	71.7
Ownership of farm animals¹	26.6	90.1	76.2
Weighted number	1,861	6,614	8,475
Unweighted number	2,556	5,919	8,475

¹ Cattle, cows, bulls, horses, donkeys, goats, sheep or chickens

In both urban and rural areas only a small percentage of households possess a means of transport. Urban households are slightly more likely than rural households to own bicycles (5 percent versus 1 percent), or a car or truck (3 percent in urban areas only). About three-fourths of households own agricultural land (72 percent), or farm animals (76 percent).

There is noticeable urban-rural variation in the proportion of households owning specific goods. Most electronic goods are considerably more prevalent in urban areas, while farm-oriented possessions are more common in rural areas. For example, 47 percent of urban households own televisions, compared with only 2 percent of rural households. Similarly, 84 percent of urban households own mobile telephones, compared with 40 percent of rural households. As expected, ownership of agricultural land is much more widespread among rural than urban households (87 percent versus 18 percent), as is ownership of farm animals (90 percent versus 27 percent).

2.2 WEALTH INDEX

The wealth index used in this survey is a measure that has been used in many DHS and other country-level surveys to indicate inequalities in household characteristics, in the use of health and other services, and in health outcomes (Rutstein et al., 2000). It serves as an indicator of level of wealth that is consistent with expenditure and income measures (Rutstein, 1999). The index was constructed using household asset data via a principal components analysis.

In its current form, which takes better account of urban-rural differences in scores and indicators of wealth, the wealth index is created in three steps. In the first step, a subset of indicators common to urban and rural areas is used to create wealth scores for households in both areas. Categorical variables to be used are transformed into separate dichotomous (0-1) indicators. These indicators and those that are continuous are then examined using a principal components analysis to produce a common factor score for each household. In the second step, separate factor scores are produced for households in urban and rural areas using area-specific indicators. The third step combines the separate area-specific factor scores to produce a nationally applicable combined wealth index by adjusting area-specific scores through a regression on the common factor scores. This three-step procedure permits greater adaptability of the wealth index in both urban and rural areas. The resulting combined wealth index has a mean of zero and a standard deviation of one. Once the index is computed, national-level wealth quintiles (from lowest to highest) are obtained by assigning the household score to each *de jure* household member, ranking each person in the population by his or her score, and then dividing the ranking into five equal categories, each comprising 20 percent of the population.

Table 2.5 presents wealth quintiles by residence and administrative regions of the country. Seventy-seven percent of the urban population is in the highest wealth quintile, in sharp contrast to the rural areas, where only 9 percent of the population are in the highest wealth quintile. Among regions the wealth quintile distribution varies greatly. A relatively high percentage of the population in the most urbanized regions in the country is in the highest wealth quintile—Addis Ababa (95 percent), Harari (69 percent), and Dire Dawa (59 percent). In contrast, a significant proportion of the population in the more rural regions are in the lowest wealth quintile, as in Affar (60 percent), and Somali (50 percent).

Table 2.5 also shows the Gini Coefficient of wealth in Ethiopia, which indicates the concentration of wealth, with 0 representing an exactly equal distribution (everyone having the same amount of wealth) and 1 representing a totally unequal distribution (one person having all the wealth).

Table 2.5 Wealth quintiles

Percent distribution of the de jure population by wealth quintiles, and the Gini Coefficient, according to residence and region, Ethiopia 2014

Residence/region	Wealth quintile					Total	Weighted number of population	Unweighted number of population	Gini coefficient
	Lowest	Second	Middle	Fourth	Highest				
Residence									
Urban	1.6	2.1	5.7	14.0	76.5	100.0	6,720	9,563	0.20
Rural	23.7	23.6	22.9	21.2	8.7	100.0	33,384	30,436	0.31
Region									
Tigray	19.2	22.1	22.8	13.4	22.5	100.0	2,606	3,358	0.48
Affar	59.8	12.8	3.7	7.6	16.1	100.0	391	3,668	0.65
Amhara	21.0	24.8	24.9	18.5	10.8	100.0	9,447	4,319	0.45
Oromiya	16.4	18.9	18.2	26.0	20.4	100.0	15,770	4,909	0.39
Somali	49.9	14.1	10.2	7.8	17.9	100.0	1,027	3,849	0.53
Benishangul-Gumuz	27.0	24.8	16.7	16.6	15.0	100.0	386	3,097	0.41
SNNP	23.4	20.8	23.0	17.9	14.9	100.0	8,522	5,257	0.43
Gambela	35.3	13.2	11.7	15.2	24.7	100.0	187	3,209	0.47
Harari	0.7	3.0	8.8	18.3	69.2	100.0	100	2,700	0.30
Addis Ababa	0.0	0.7	0.8	3.7	94.8	100.0	1,495	2,628	0.10
Dire Dawa	14.3	12.8	8.1	5.8	59.1	100.0	173	3,005	0.37
Total	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	100.0	40,104	39,999	0.44

The overall Gini Coefficient for Ethiopia is 0.44. It is higher in rural areas (0.31) than in urban areas (0.20), indicating a more unequal distribution of wealth in the rural population than in the urban population. The lowest Gini Coefficient is seen in Addis Ababa (0.10) where almost the entire population (95 percent) is in the highest wealth quintile. The highest Gini Coefficient—that is, the least equitable distribution of wealth—is observed in Affar (0.65).

2.3 POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX

Age and sex are important variables that are the primary basis for demographic classification in vital statistics, censuses, and surveys. They are also important variables for the study of mortality, fertility, and marriage.

Table 2.6 shows the distribution of the household population in the EMDHS by five-year age groups, according to urban or rural residence and sex. The total population counted in the survey

Table 2.6 Household population by age, sex, and residence

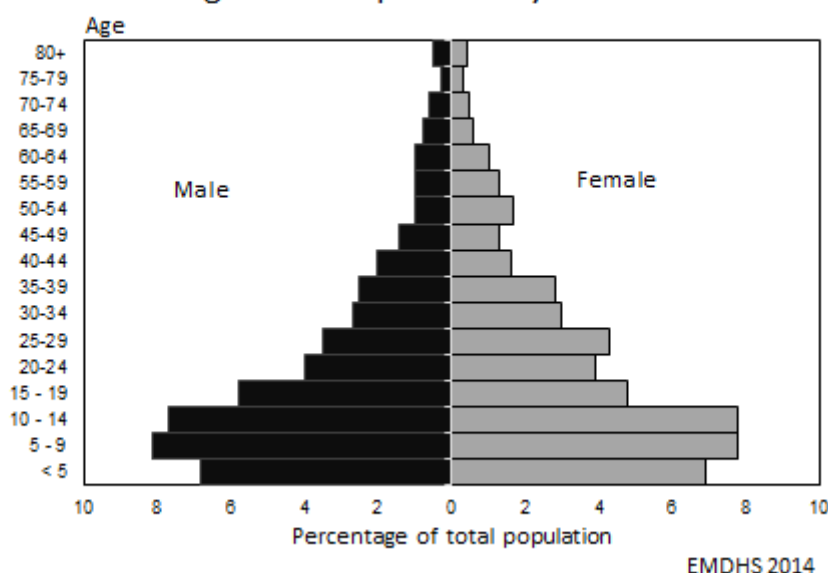
Percent distribution of the de facto household population by five-year age groups, according to sex and residence, Ethiopia 2014

Age	Urban			Rural			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
<5	11.1	9.3	10.2	14.2	14.7	14.4	13.7	13.7	13.7
5-9	11.5	10.1	10.8	17.2	16.8	17.0	16.2	15.6	15.9
10-14	12.0	12.4	12.2	16.1	16.2	16.2	15.5	15.6	15.5
15-19	12.1	14.2	13.2	11.5	8.7	10.1	11.6	9.7	10.6
20-24	11.9	12.7	12.3	7.3	6.7	7.0	8.0	7.8	7.9
25-29	12.1	11.9	12.0	6.0	7.8	6.9	7.0	8.5	7.8
30-34	7.2	6.3	6.8	5.1	5.9	5.5	5.4	6.0	5.7
35-39	6.5	6.3	6.4	4.8	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.5	5.3
40-44	4.5	3.1	3.8	3.9	3.2	3.6	4.0	3.1	3.6
45-49	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7
50-54	1.9	2.6	2.2	2.1	3.7	2.9	2.1	3.5	2.8
55-59	1.4	2.5	2.0	2.1	2.6	2.4	2.0	2.6	2.3
60-64	1.6	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.0
65-69	1.1	1.5	1.3	1.8	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.2	1.4
70-74	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.2
75-79	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6
80 +	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Weighted number	3,210	3,414	6,624	16,527	16,310	32,837	19,737	19,724	39,462
Unweighted number	4,518	4,990	9,508	15,257	14,504	29,761	19,775	19,494	39,269

was 39,462, with males slightly outnumbering females (19,737 compared with 19,724). The results indicate an overall sex ratio of 100 males per 100 females. The sex ratio is higher in rural areas (101 males per 100 females) than in urban areas (94 males per 100 females).

The age structure of the household population in Ethiopia is typical of a society with a young population. The population pyramid in Figure 2.1 shows the sex and age distribution of the population. The pyramidal age structure reflects the large number of children under age 15. Children under age 15 account for nearly half (45 percent) of the total population, while only about 4 percent of Ethiopians are over age 65. This population distribution is similar to that observed in the 2000, 2005, and 2011 EDHS surveys.

Figure 2.1 Population Pyramid



2.4 HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Table 2.7 presents information about the composition of households by sex of the household head and size of the household. These characteristics are important because they are associated with household welfare.

About one-fourth (23 percent) of Ethiopian households are headed by women, a slight decrease from 24 percent in 2000. The average household size is 4.7 persons, which is slightly slower than the average of 4.8 persons per household reported in 2000.

Urban households have fewer members than rural households. In urban areas the average household size is 3.6 persons, compared with 5.0 persons in rural areas. Single-person households are more common in urban areas (20 percent) than in rural areas (4 percent). Also, a much lower proportion of urban households (18 percent) have six or more members than do rural households (41 percent).

Table 2.7 Household composition

Percent distribution of households by sex of head of household and by household size; mean size of household, according to residence, Ethiopia 2014

Characteristic	Residence		Total
	Urban	Rural	
Household headship			
Male	64.2	80.7	77.0
Female	35.8	19.3	23.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number of usual members			
1	20.4	4.4	7.9
2	17.7	9.4	11.2
3	15.7	14.2	14.5
4	16.6	14.8	15.2
5	11.3	16.1	15.0
6	7.7	15.0	13.4
7	3.8	11.5	9.8
8	2.6	7.6	6.5
9+	4.2	7.0	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean size of households	3.6	5.0	4.7
Weighted number	1,861	6,614	8,475
Unweighted number	2,556	5,919	8,475

Note: Table is based on de jure household members, i.e., usual residents.

2.5 PRODUCTIVE SAFETY NETS PROGRAMME

The Productive Safety Nets Programme (PSNP) is the largest social protection programme in Sub-Saharan Africa, outside South Africa. Implemented in rural Ethiopia, the PSNP was launched in 2005 to transform the historic food aid system into a more predictable safety net that produces productive assets in poor communities. The PSNP provides cash and food transfers to food-insecure households through labor-intensive public works for households with able-bodied members and direct transfers to households lacking adult able-bodied labor to fulfill a work requirement (i.e. the elderly, disabled, some female heads of households and people with chronic illness). The PSNP is complemented by the Household Asset Building Programme which aims to provide longer term solutions to PSNP households. It helps households to diversify and increase their incomes. It supports them to come up with a plan to improve their livelihoods, trains them in the skills they need to make these improvements and provides them with information on where they can borrow money to fund these changes.

The EMDHS included one question at the household level to obtain data on whether a household was, at the time of the survey, receiving cash or food from the PSNP. Findings from this survey indicate that 11 percent of all households surveyed were PSNP households (Table 2.8). Female-headed households were more likely to receive cash and food from the PSNP than households headed by males (15 percent and 10 percent, respectively). Regional differences are marked, with nearly two in three (66 percent) households in Affar, six in ten (59 percent) households in Dire Dawa, and three in ten (29 percent) households in Tigray receiving support from the program. One in five households (19 percent) in the poorest households benefited from the program. Only 11 percent of PSNP households have access to an improved source of drinking water and just 5 percent have improved sanitation.

Table 2.8 Productive Safety Net Programme Households¹

Percent distribution of rural households by whether they are Productive Safety Net Programme (PSNP) households or not, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2014

Background characteristic	Yes	No	Total	Weighted number of households	Unweighted number of households
Household headship					
Male	9.9	90.1	100.0	5,335	4,713
Female	14.8	85.2	100.0	1,279	1,206
Region					
Tigray	28.9	71.1	100.0	429	581
Affar	65.6	34.4	100.0	47	504
Amhara	14.8	85.2	100.0	1,789	860
Oromiya	2.3	97.7	100.0	2,698	829
Somali	12.0	88.0	100.0	109	531
Benishangul-Gumuz	1.1	98.9	100.0	74	615
SNNP	15.0	85.0	100.0	1,412	914
Gambela	4.1	95.9	100.0	34	530
Harari	16.5	83.5	100.0	9	292
Dire Dawa	59.2	40.8	100.0	12	263
Percentage using any improved source of drinking water	11.3	88.7	100.0	3,069	2,823
Improved sanitation	5.2	94.8	100.0	230	309
Wealth quintile					
Lowest	19.0	81.0	100.0	1,666	2,165
Second	12.8	87.2	100.0	1,594	1,294
Middle	9.0	91.0	100.0	1,487	1,121
Fourth	3.5	96.5	100.0	1,325	910
Highest	2.8	97.2	100.0	543	429
Total	10.8	89.2	100.0	6,614	5,919

2.6 EDUCATION OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION

Education is a key determinant of individual opportunities, attitudes, and economic and social status. Studies have consistently shown that educational attainment has a strong effect on reproductive behaviour, fertility, infant and child mortality and morbidity, and attitudes and awareness related to family health, use of family planning, and sanitation. The EMDHS reports educational attainment among household members and school attendance among youth. The current system of formal education in Ethiopia is based on a three-tier system with eight years of primary education, followed by four years of secondary education, and three to seven years of tertiary education, depending on the area of study.

2.6.1 Educational Attainment

Tables 2.9.1 and 2.9.2 show the percent distribution of the *de facto* female and male household population age 6 and older by highest level of education attended or completed, according to background characteristics. The majority of Ethiopians have little or no education, with females even less educated than males. Forty-eight percent of females and 37 percent of males have never attended school.

Four in every ten females (42 percent) and half of all males (48 percent) have only some primary education, while 3 percent of females and 4 percent of males completed primary education and did not attend secondary school. Only 5 percent of females and 6 percent of males have attended but not completed secondary education, and an additional 3 percent of females and 5 percent of

Table 2.10 School attendance ratios

Net attendance ratios (NAR) and gross attendance ratios (GAR) for the de facto household population by sex and level of schooling; and the Gender Parity Index (GPI), according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2014

Background characteristic	Net attendance ratio ¹				Gross attendance ratio ²			
	Male	Female	Total	Gender Parity Index ³	Male	Female	Total	Gender Parity Index ³
PRIMARY SCHOOL								
Residence								
Urban	80.4	79.8	80.1	0.99	106.1	100.1	103.0	0.94
Rural	61.2	65.2	63.1	1.07	86.8	81.8	84.3	0.94
Region								
Tigray	73.9	85.1	79.2	1.15	101.6	106.5	103.9	1.05
Affar	53.4	46.4	50.1	0.87	79.6	63.7	72.1	0.80
Amhara	68.4	75.1	71.6	1.10	89.8	92.2	91.0	1.03
Oromiya	57.1	62.6	59.9	1.10	80.5	75.9	78.2	0.94
Somali	49.2	40.4	44.9	0.82	77.9	53.7	66.0	0.69
Benishangul-Gumuz	75.8	71.3	73.5	0.94	106.2	87.0	96.5	0.82
SNNP	65.7	64.2	65.0	0.98	98.0	86.8	92.7	0.89
Gambela	83.7	84.2	84.0	1.00	128.0	108.6	117.6	0.85
Harari	79.8	77.6	78.8	0.97	92.8	94.6	93.6	1.02
Addis Ababa	92.6	85.8	88.8	0.93	119.5	115.8	117.5	0.97
Dire Dawa	78.1	71.7	74.9	0.92	100.1	88.5	94.4	0.88
Wealth quintile								
Lowest	48.6	48.8	48.7	1.00	68.0	58.5	63.3	0.86
Second	53.6	61.4	57.4	1.15	76.2	80.8	78.4	1.06
Middle	68.7	67.8	68.3	0.99	93.2	81.3	87.3	0.87
Fourth	71.2	77.1	73.9	1.08	101.5	100.4	101.0	0.99
Highest	79.6	83.2	81.5	1.04	112.5	103.7	107.8	0.92
Total	63.5	67.0	65.2	1.06	89.1	84.1	86.6	0.94
SECONDARY SCHOOL								
Residence								
Urban	39.5	37.5	38.4	0.95	66.1	55.1	60.0	0.83
Rural	7.4	11.9	9.3	1.60	13.6	18.2	15.6	1.34
Region								
Tigray	17.8	31.1	24.4	1.74	29.9	38.4	34.1	1.28
Affar	18.4	2.0	12.1	0.11	21.3	7.2	15.9	0.34
Amhara	10.5	25.4	17.7	2.42	20.0	36.9	28.1	1.85
Oromiya	13.5	15.7	14.4	1.16	22.4	24.8	23.5	1.11
Somali	20.2	6.4	15.1	0.32	32.5	20.4	28.0	0.63
Benishangul-Gumuz	14.6	24.5	18.8	1.67	23.8	34.4	28.3	1.45
SNNP	7.3	7.3	7.3	1.00	16.0	12.4	14.5	0.77
Gambela	12.8	15.6	14.1	1.22	33.5	35.7	34.6	1.07
Harari	40.0	23.3	31.1	0.58	54.8	31.8	42.5	0.58
Addis Ababa	41.5	26.3	32.0	0.63	57.2	37.8	45.0	0.66
Dire Dawa	24.5	28.5	26.5	1.16	34.2	46.0	40.0	1.35
Wealth quintile								
Lowest	4.0	4.8	4.3	1.18	5.3	8.2	6.5	1.54
Second	3.4	7.7	5.4	2.29	9.2	10.3	9.7	1.11
Middle	9.4	17.0	12.5	1.81	16.3	29.9	22.0	1.83
Fourth	10.3	23.2	16.1	2.26	18.3	35.0	25.7	1.91
Highest	32.3	28.2	30.2	0.87	54.7	40.2	47.3	0.73
Total	12.7	18.1	15.2	1.42	22.2	27.2	24.5	1.23

¹ The NAR for primary school is the percentage of the primary-school age (7-14 years) population that is attending primary school. The NAR for secondary school is the percentage of the secondary-school age (15-18 years) population that is attending secondary school. By definition the NAR cannot exceed 100 percent.

² The GAR for primary school is the total number of primary school students, expressed as a percentage of the official primary-school-age population. The GAR for secondary school is the total number of secondary school students, expressed as a percentage of the official secondary-school-age population. If there are significant numbers of overage and underage students at a given level of schooling, the GAR can exceed 100 percent.

³ The Gender Parity Index for primary school is the ratio of the primary school NAR (GAR) for females to the NAR (GAR) for males. The Gender Parity Index for secondary school is the ratio of the secondary school NAR (GAR) for females to the NAR (GAR) for males.

official secondary-school-age population. If there are significant numbers of overage and underage students at a given level of schooling, the GAR can exceed 100 percent. Persons are considered to be currently attending school if they attended formal academic school at any point during the school year. The NAR and GAR remained virtually unchanged between 2011 and 2014 at both the primary and secondary levels.

As Table 2.10 shows, 65 percent of children of primary school age in Ethiopia attend primary school (64 percent of males and 67 percent of females). At the same time, only 15 percent of young people of secondary school age are attending school (13 percent of males and 18 percent of females). Attendance ratios at the primary school level are much lower in rural areas than in urban areas; they are lowest in the poorest households. By region, primary school attendance is lowest in Somali, while secondary school attendance is lowest in SNNP.

At the primary level the GAR is higher among males (89) than females (84), but at the secondary level, it is higher among females (27) than males (22). Although the overall GAR at the primary level is 87, there are significant levels of over-age and/or under-age participation among males in the urban areas (103) as well as in Addis Ababa and Gambela (118 for each).

There is a strong relationship between household economic status and schooling at both the primary and secondary levels. For example, at the primary education level the NAR increases from 49 percent in the lowest wealth quintile to 82 percent in the highest wealth quintile. Similarly, at the secondary level the NAR rises from 4 percent in the lowest wealth quintile to 30 percent in the highest wealth quintile.

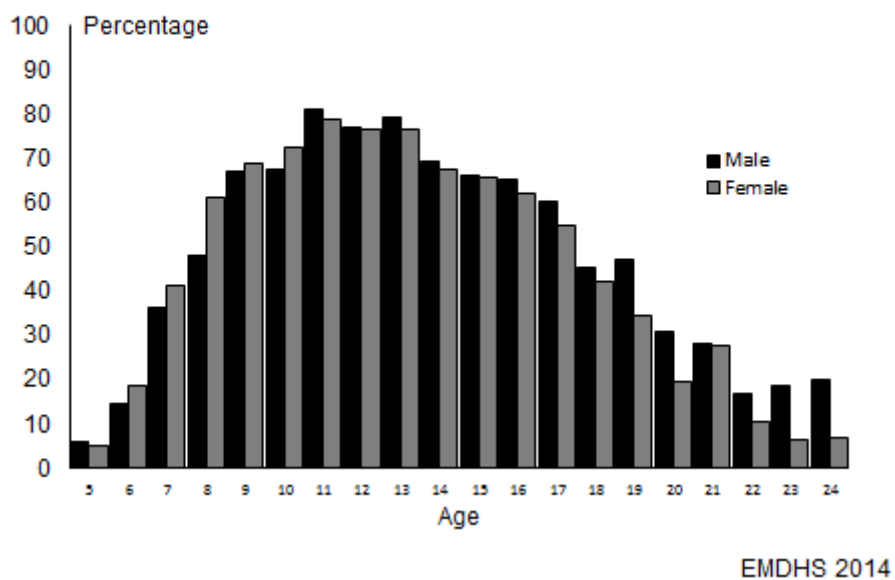
The Gender Parity Index (GPI) measures sex-related differences in school attendance ratios. It is the ratio of female to male attendance. A GPI of 1 indicates parity, or equality, between the school participation ratios for males and females. A GPI that is lower than 1 indicates a gender disparity in favour of males—that is, a higher proportion of males than females attend that level of schooling. A GPI that is higher than 1 indicates a gender disparity in favour of females.

In Ethiopia, the GPI for primary school attendance is slightly higher than 1 (1.06) for NAR, but lower than 1 (0.94) for GAR. For secondary school attendance, it is higher than 1 (1.42) for NAR, and GAR (1.23). These data indicate that the gender gap is slightly smaller at the primary level than at the secondary level of schooling. There are some differences in the GPI for NAR and for GAR by place of residence and by region. For primary education, the GPI for NAR is higher in rural than in urban areas but the GPI for the GAR is identical in both areas. For secondary education, the GPI for both NAR and GAR is higher in rural areas than in urban areas. The primary school and secondary school GPI for both NAR and GAR is lowest in the Somali and Affar regions.

Figure 2.2 shows the age-specific attendance rates (ASARs) for the population age 5-24, by sex. The ASAR indicates participation in schooling at any level, from primary to higher levels of education. Although the official minimum age for schooling in Ethiopia is age 7, some children are enrolled at younger ages. Nevertheless, only 36-41 percent of children age 7 are attending school, indicating that a large majority of children age 7 in Ethiopia have not entered the school system. However, enrolment at age 7 has increased markedly over the last 15 years from 15 percent of children in 2000 to 38 percent of children in 2014.

There are some differences in the proportion of males and females attending school. Between ages 7-10, the proportion of females attending school is somewhat higher than the proportion of males, while for ages 11-24 the proportion of males attending school is higher than the proportion of females.

Figure 2.2 Age-Specific Attendance Rates of the *de facto* Population 5 to 24 Years



Key Findings

- About half of women 15-49 (48 percent) have no formal education. There has been a 35 percent decline in the proportion of women with no formal education over the last 15 years.
- Forty-one percent of women 15-49 are literate. Literacy among women in the reproductive age group has doubled in the last fifteen years.
- Sixty-four percent of women are currently married.

This chapter provides a demographic and socioeconomic profile of respondents interviewed in the 2014 Ethiopia Mini Demographic and Health Survey (EMDHS). Such background information is essential to interpreting the findings and understanding the results presented later in this report. Basic characteristics collected include age, level of education, literacy and marital status.

3.1 CHARACTERISTICS OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Table 3.1 shows the percent distribution of women age 15-49 by their background characteristics. About six in every ten women (60 percent) are under age 30. Beyond age 30, the proportion of women in each age group declines, reflecting the relatively young age structure of the female population in Ethiopia.

The majority of women (64 percent) are married or living together. One in four women (26 percent) has never married. Eleven percent of women are divorced/separated, or widowed.

A person's place of residence, whether rural or urban, determines access to services and information about reproductive health and other aspects of life. Three in four women live in rural areas (77 percent) and one in four women (23 percent) live in urban areas.

The vast majority of women (83 percent) live in three major regions: Amhara, Oromiya, and the Southern Nations Nationalities and People's (SNNP) region. Seven percent of women live in Tigray, 6 percent live in Addis Ababa and 2 percent live in the Somali region. Less than 1 percent of women each live in the remaining 5 regions.

Education is an important factor influencing an individual's attitudes and opportunities. Educational attainment among women in Ethiopia is low. About half of women age 15-49 (48 percent) have no formal education. Nevertheless, data from the three previous EDHS surveys show that there has been a 36 percent decline in the proportion of women age 15-49 with no education, from 75 percent in 2000 to 48 percent in 2014, evidence that education has become more widespread over the past fifteen years.

Table 3.1 Background characteristics of women

Percent distribution of women age 15-49 by selected background characteristics, Ethiopia 2014

Background characteristic	Weighted percent	Weighted number	Unweighted number
Age			
15-19	22.1	1,782	1,689
20-24	17.7	1,427	1,445
25-29	19.9	1,606	1,621
30-34	14.0	1,130	1,178
35-39	12.8	1,033	1,038
40-44	7.4	601	603
45-49	6.1	491	496
Marital status			
Never married	25.6	2,065	2,011
Married	60.3	4,866	4,797
Living together	3.5	279	376
Divorced/separated	8.0	646	629
Widowed	2.6	214	257
Residence			
Urban	22.9	1,850	2,658
Rural	77.1	6,220	5,412
Region			
Tigray	6.6	536	702
Affar	0.9	74	668
Amhara	24.6	1,986	880
Oromiya	37.7	3,045	973
Somali	2.0	158	544
Benishangul-Gumuz	0.9	73	571
SNNP	20.2	1,629	1,001
Gambela	0.6	45	609
Harari	0.3	24	645
Addis Ababa	5.7	460	818
Dire Dawa	0.5	40	659
Education			
No education	48.0	3,877	3,907
Primary	38.1	3,077	2,792
Secondary	9.6	772	890
More than secondary	4.3	344	481
Wealth quintile			
Lowest	17.6	1,421	1,882
Second	18.6	1,500	1,230
Middle	18.1	1,462	1,113
Fourth	20.1	1,618	1,099
Highest	25.6	2,069	2,746
Total 15-49	100.0	8,070	8,070

Note: Education categories refer to the highest level of education attended, whether or not that level was completed.

3.2 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY BACKGROUND CHARACTERISTICS

Table 3.2 shows the relationship between women's level of education and their other background characteristics. The percentage of women with no education declines steadily by age group, from 80 percent among women age 45-49 to 13 percent among women age 15-19, yet another indication of an improvement in women's education over time. About six rural women in every ten (56 percent) have no education, compared with about two urban women in every ten (22 percent). The urban-rural difference is also pronounced at the secondary or higher levels. For example, only 7 percent of women in rural areas have secondary or higher education, compared with 38 percent of urban women. Women's educational attainment also differs among regions. The highest proportions of women with no education are in the Somali and Affar regions (75 and 74 percent, respectively), and the lowest is in Addis Ababa (14 percent).

Table 3.2 Educational attainment

Percent distribution of women age 15-49 by highest level of schooling attended or completed, and median years completed, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2014

Background characteristic	Highest level of schooling						Total	Median years completed	Weighted number of women	Unweighted number of women
	No education	Some primary	Completed primary ¹	Some secondary	Completed secondary ²	More than secondary				
Age										
15-24	21.5	46.9	8.7	16.4	0.7	5.8	100.0	4.7	3,209	3,134
..15-19	13.3	56.5	10.3	17.2	0.5	2.2	100.0	5.1	1,782	1,689
..20-24	31.6	34.9	6.7	15.3	1.0	10.4	100.0	3.6	1,427	1,445
25-29	55.8	29.4	3.3	5.1	0.9	5.5	100.0	0.0	1,606	1,621
30-34	68.2	22.7	1.9	3.0	1.4	2.9	100.0	0.0	1,130	1,178
35-39	68.3	22.7	2.3	2.8	2.0	1.9	100.0	0.0	1,033	1,038
40-44	70.3	21.5	3.6	0.7	1.8	2.1	100.0	0.0	601	603
45-49	80.2	14.2	1.9	1.5	1.4	0.9	100.0	0.0	491	496
Residence										
Urban	22.3	30.7	8.7	19.9	4.2	14.2	100.0	6.5	1,850	2,658
Rural	55.7	33.8	4.0	5.0	0.2	1.3	100.0	0.0	6,220	5,412
Region										
Tigray	46.8	27.8	5.5	14.0	0.9	5.0	100.0	1.2	536	702
Affar	73.5	18.2	2.3	4.8	0.7	0.5	100.0	0.0	74	668
Amhara	56.8	25.7	4.2	8.3	0.4	4.6	100.0	0.0	1,986	880
Oromiya	48.4	34.1	5.6	7.6	1.0	3.2	100.0	0.1	3,045	973
Somali	74.9	17.0	0.7	4.2	0.0	3.3	100.0	0.0	158	544
Benishangul-Gumuz	56.1	28.9	4.1	5.9	0.8	4.1	100.0	0.0	73	571
SNNP	43.6	44.3	4.2	6.1	0.2	1.6	100.0	1.4	1,629	1,001
Gambela	31.9	40.9	9.1	13.2	0.1	4.9	100.0	3.9	45	609
Harari	27.0	29.0	10.7	13.5	5.4	14.4	100.0	6.2	24	645
Addis Ababa	14.0	33.1	8.8	17.5	8.2	18.4	100.0	7.3	460	818
Dire Dawa	34.5	27.1	4.8	17.1	4.2	12.2	100.0	5.0	40	659
Wealth quintile										
Lowest	73.8	23.0	1.6	1.3	0.0	0.2	100.0	0.0	1,421	1,882
Second	61.3	33.2	2.1	3.1	0.0	0.3	100.0	0.0	1,500	1,230
Middle	56.8	32.2	4.8	5.5	0.1	0.6	100.0	0.0	1,462	1,113
Fourth	42.0	39.2	6.2	10.2	0.5	2.0	100.0	1.7	1,618	1,099
Highest	19.3	35.7	8.9	17.9	4.0	14.3	100.0	6.3	2,069	2,746
Total	48.0	33.1	5.1	8.4	1.1	4.3	100.0	0.4	8,070	8,070

¹ Completed 8 grades at the primary level

² Completed 4 grades at the secondary level

Access to education increases with household wealth. About three-fourths of women in the lowest wealth quintile (74 percent) have no education, compared with just two women in every ten in the highest wealth quintile (19 percent). Furthermore, women in the highest wealth quintile have had substantially more opportunity to move beyond the primary level of education than other women. More than one-third of women in the highest wealth quintile (36 percent) have attended or completed secondary or higher levels of education, compared with 2-13 percent of women in the lowest four wealth quintiles.

3.3 LITERACY

The ability to read and write is an important asset, enabling women to have more opportunities in life. Knowing the distribution of the literate female population can help managers of social programmes strategically design health and family planning messages.

In the EMDHS, literacy status was determined by the respondents' ability to read all or part of a sentence. To test respondents' literacy, during data collection, interviewers carried a set of cards on which simple sentences were printed in five of the major languages spoken in Ethiopia. Only women who had never been to school and those who had not completed primary level education were asked to read the cards, in the language they were most likely able to read; those who had attained middle school or above were assumed to be literate.

Table 3.3 Literacy

Percent distribution of women age 15-49 by level of schooling attended and level of literacy, and percentage literate, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2014

Background characteristic	No schooling or primary school							Total	Percentage literate ¹	Weighted number of women	Unweighted number of women
	Secondary school or higher	Can read a whole sentence	Can read part of a sentence	Cannot read at all	No card with required language	Blind/visually impaired	Missing				
Age											
15-24	22.9	24.5	17.1	32.2	3.2	0.0	0.0	100.0	64.6	3,209	3,134
..15-19	19.9	30.7	19.9	25.9	3.7	0.0	0.0	100.0	70.4	1,782	1,689
..20-24	26.7	16.9	13.7	40.2	2.6	0.0	0.0	100.0	57.2	1,427	1,445
25-29	11.5	7.6	12.8	66.6	1.5	0.0	0.0	100.0	31.9	1,606	1,621
30-34	7.2	5.6	9.9	76.4	0.7	0.2	0.0	100.0	22.7	1,130	1,178
35-39	6.7	7.0	11.0	74.0	1.0	0.4	0.0	100.0	24.7	1,033	1,038
40-44	4.6	7.7	12.2	74.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	100.0	24.5	601	603
45-49	3.8	3.7	10.0	82.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	17.5	491	496
Residence											
Urban	38.3	19.4	13.7	27.4	0.9	0.3	0.0	100.0	71.4	1,850	2,658
Rural	6.6	12.0	13.7	65.5	2.2	0.0	0.0	100.0	32.3	6,220	5,412
Region											
Tigray	19.9	16.9	10.6	52.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	100.0	47.5	536	702
Affar	6.0	12.3	4.6	77.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	22.9	74	668
Amhara	13.2	16.6	10.1	56.5	3.3	0.2	0.0	100.0	40.0	1,986	880
Oromiya	11.8	12.3	16.2	59.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	100.0	40.3	3,045	973
Somali	7.5	0.7	8.5	77.1	6.3	0.0	0.0	100.0	16.6	158	544
Benishangul-Gumuz	10.9	8.7	13.7	65.8	0.5	0.0	0.4	100.0	33.3	73	571
SNNP	7.9	10.4	15.8	62.0	3.9	0.0	0.0	100.0	34.1	1,629	1,001
Gambela	18.2	14.8	15.5	38.8	12.7	0.0	0.0	100.0	48.4	45	609
Harari	33.3	20.5	10.6	35.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	100.0	64.3	24	645
Addis Ababa	44.1	24.3	12.1	18.7	0.5	0.2	0.0	100.0	80.5	460	818
Dire Dawa	33.6	8.8	12.8	40.8	4.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	55.2	40	659
Wealth quintile											
Lowest	1.6	6.9	8.5	81.5	1.4	0.0	0.0	100.0	17.0	1,421	1,882
Second	3.4	11.6	11.3	71.3	2.1	0.2	0.0	100.0	26.4	1,500	1,230
Middle	6.2	11.2	14.5	65.5	2.6	0.0	0.0	100.0	31.9	1,462	1,113
Fourth	12.6	16.2	16.9	51.2	3.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	45.7	1,618	1,099
Highest	36.1	19.8	15.9	27.4	0.7	0.0	0.0	100.0	71.8	2,069	2,746
Total	13.8	13.7	13.7	56.8	1.9	0.1	0.0	100.0	41.3	8,070	8,070

¹ Refers to women who attended secondary school or higher and women who can read a whole sentence or part of a sentence

As Table 3.3 indicates, 41 percent of women are literate. Literacy among women in the reproductive age group has doubled in the last fifteen years. Literacy among women varies widely by age, increasing sharply from 18 percent among women age 45-49 to 70 percent among women age 15-19. Literacy is much higher in urban areas than rural areas. About seven in ten urban women (71 percent) are literate compared with about one-third of rural women (32 percent).

Regional differences in literacy are also marked, with literacy levels highest among women in predominantly urban Addis Ababa (81 percent) and lowest in the Somali region, where less than one in ten women is literate. There is also a marked difference in literacy by wealth, ranging from 17 percent among women living in the poorest household to 72 percent among women living in the wealthiest household.

3.4 MARITAL STATUS

For most Ethiopian women marriage marks the onset of exposure to the risk of pregnancy. Populations in which age at first marriage is low tend to have early childbearing and high fertility.

Table 3.4 presents the percent distribution of women by current marital status, according to age group. The term ‘married’ refers to legal or formal marriage, while the term ‘living together’ designates an informal union in which a man and a woman live together but a formal civil or religious ceremony has not taken place. Respondents who are currently married, widowed, divorced, or separated are referred to as ‘ever married’.

Twenty-six percent of women age 15-49 have never married, 60 percent are currently married, 4 percent are living together with a man, and 11 percent are divorced, separated, or widowed. The low proportion (less than 1 percent) of women age 45-49 who have never been married indicates that marriage is nearly universal in Ethiopia. Over the past fifteen years the proportion of Ethiopian women who have never married has not changed much.

Table 3.4 Current marital status

Percent distribution of women age 15-49 by current marital status, according to age, Ethiopia 2014

Age	Marital status						Total	Percentage of women currently in union	Weighted number of women	Unweighted number of women
	Never married	Married	Living together	Divorced	Separated	Widowed				
15-19	76.8	17.3	3.1	1.9	0.9	0.0	100.0	20.4	1,782	1,689
20-24	31.3	54.6	3.7	7.1	3.0	0.3	100.0	58.3	1,427	1,445
25-29	10.0	75.6	3.3	7.3	2.5	1.3	100.0	78.9	1,606	1,621
30-34	4.6	82.5	3.5	4.6	2.8	1.9	100.0	86.0	1,130	1,178
35-39	2.4	77.9	3.4	8.2	2.2	5.9	100.0	81.3	1,033	1,038
40-44	1.6	77.8	3.2	7.6	1.8	8.0	100.0	81.0	601	603
45-49	0.7	73.2	4.8	7.6	2.1	11.6	100.0	78.0	491	496
Total 15-49	25.6	60.3	3.5	5.8	2.2	2.6	100.0	63.8	8,070	8,070

Key Findings

- The total fertility rate for the three years preceding the survey is 4.1 children per women. Rural women have twice as many children as urban women.
- Fertility declined between 2005 and 2011, from 5.4 children per woman to 4.8, and then decreased further to 4.1 children in 2014.

Fertility is one of the three principal components of population dynamics that determine the size and structure of the population of a country. Chapter 4 looks at a number of fertility indicators, including levels, patterns, and trends in both current and cumulative fertility.

Data on fertility were collected in several ways. First, each woman was asked the number of sons and daughters who live with her, the number who live elsewhere, and the number born alive and later died. Next, a complete history of all the woman's births was obtained, including the name, sex, month and year of birth, age, and survival status for each of the births. For living children, a question was asked about whether the child was living in the household or away. For dead children, the age at death was recorded. Finally, information was collected on whether a woman was pregnant at the time of the survey.

4.1 CURRENT FERTILITY

The level of current fertility is one of the most important topics in this report because of its direct relevance to population policies and programmes. Current fertility can be measured using the age-specific fertility rate (ASFR), the total fertility rate (TFR), the general fertility rate (GFR), and the crude birth rate (CBR). The ASFR provides the age pattern of fertility, while the TFR refers to the number of live births that a woman would have had if she were subject to the current ASFRs throughout her reproductive years (15-49 years). The GFR is expressed as the number of live births per 1,000 women of reproductive age, and the CBR is expressed as the number of live births per 1,000 persons in the population. The measures of fertility presented in this chapter refer to the three-year period preceding the survey. This time period generates a sufficient number of births to provide reliable, current estimates.

As Table 4.1 shows, the TFR for Ethiopia for the three-year period preceding the survey is 4.1 children per woman. This means that an Ethiopian woman who is at the beginning of her childbearing years would give birth to about four children by the end of her reproductive period if fertility levels remained constant over the childbearing years. The TFR in rural areas exceeds the TFR in urban areas by more than two children per woman (4.6 and 2.3 children per woman, respectively).

The crude birth rate in Ethiopia is 28 births per 1,000 population. As is the case with other fertility measures, there is a substantial difference in the CBR by urban-rural residence. The CBR is 29 percent higher in rural areas (29 per 1,000 population) than in urban areas (23 per 1,000 population). The GFR in Ethiopia is 138 live births per 1,000 women age 15-44. The rate is twice as high in rural areas (156) as in urban areas (79).

Table 4.1 Current fertility

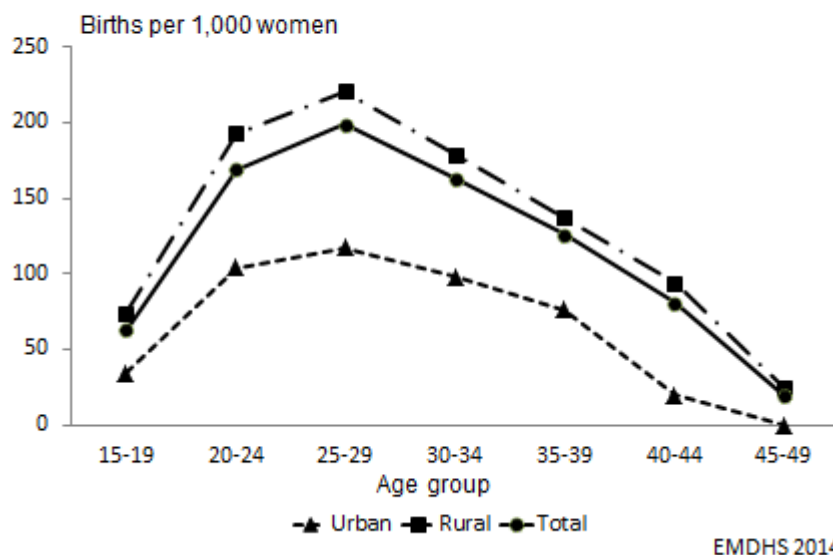
Age-specific and total fertility rates, the general fertility rate, and the crude birth rate for the three years preceding the survey, by residence, Ethiopia 2014

Age group	Residence		Total
	Urban	Rural	
15-19	34	74	63
20-24	104	193	169
25-29	117	221	199
30-34	98	179	163
35-39	76	137	126
40-44	20	94	81
45-49	0	25	20
TFR(15-49)	2.3	4.6	4.1
GFR	79	156	138
CBR	22.5	29.0	28.0

Notes: Age-specific fertility rates are per 1,000 women. Rates for age group 45-49 may be slightly biased due to truncation. Rates are for the period 1-36 months prior to interview.
 TFR: Total fertility rate expressed per woman
 GFR: General fertility rate expressed per 1,000 women age 15-44
 CBR: Crude birth rate, expressed per 1,000 population

Figure 4.1 presents the age-specific fertility rate for urban and rural areas. For the country as a whole, the age-specific fertility rate rises from 63 births per 1,000 women age 15-19 to 169 births among women age 20-24, reaches a peak of 199 births for women age 25-29, and then falls steadily to 20 births among women age 45-49.

Figure 4.1 Age-Specific Fertility Rates by Urban-Rural Residence



4.2 FERTILITY DIFFERENTIALS BY BACKGROUND CHARACTERISTICS

Table 4.2 presents differentials in the total fertility rate, the percentage of women who are currently pregnant, and the mean number of children ever born (CEB) to women age 40-49, by residence, region, education, and wealth quintiles.

There are substantial differentials in the TFR among the regions, ranging from 1.7 children per woman in Addis Ababa (below the replacement level of fertility) to 6.4 children per woman in Somali. Fertility levels are higher than the national average in Somali, Benishangul-Gumuz, Affar, Tigray, Oromiya and SNNP. The level of fertility is inversely related to women's educational attainment, decreasing from 5.0 children among women with no education to about 2 children each among women who have secondary or higher education. Fertility is also strongly associated with household wealth. Women in the lowest wealth quintile have a TFR of 5.4, more than twice as high as women in the highest wealth quintile, at 2.5.

Background characteristic	Total fertility rate	Percentage of women age 15-49 currently pregnant	Mean number of children ever born to women age 40-49
Residence			
Urban	2.3	4.4	5.2
Rural	4.6	8.2	7.0
Region			
Tigray	4.5	6.2	6.6
Affar	5.2	14.0	7.0
Amhara	3.8	6.2	6.9
Oromiya	4.4	6.8	7.0
Somali	6.4	12.9	6.7
Benishangul-Gumuz	5.5	9.1	7.2
SNNP	4.3	10.4	6.7
Gambela	3.0	8.8	5.0
Harari	3.2	6.5	4.3
Addis Ababa	1.7	2.9	2.8
Dire Dawa	3.4	8.1	4.7
Education			
No education	5.0	9.7	7.1
Primary	3.7	5.8	6.0
Secondary	2.0	2.3	3.6
More than secondary	2.2	4.7	(2.2)
Wealth quintile			
Lowest	5.4	10.1	6.8
Second	4.8	9.7	7.0
Middle	4.4	7.8	7.1
Fourth	3.9	6.1	7.4
Highest	2.5	4.3	5.4
Total	4.1	7.3	6.7

Note: Total fertility rates are for the period 1-36 months prior to interview. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.

Table 4.2 also presents a crude assessment of trends in the various subgroups by comparing current fertility with a measure of completed fertility—the mean number of children ever born to women age 40-49. The mean number of children ever born to older women, who are nearing the end of their reproductive period, is an indicator of average completed fertility of women who began childbearing over the three decades preceding the survey. If fertility remained constant over time and the reported data on both children ever born and births during the three years preceding the survey are reasonably accurate, the TFR and the mean number of children ever born to women age 40-49 would

be expected to be similar. When fertility levels have been falling, the TFR will be substantially lower than the mean number of children ever born to women age 40-49. The comparison of current fertility at the country level with completed fertility suggests that fertility has fallen by almost three children per woman during the past few decades, from 6.7 children to 4.1. The table also reveals that substantial declines in fertility have taken place in both rural areas (from 7.0 to 4.6) and urban areas (from 5.2 to 2.3). The differences between the levels of current and completed fertility are highest in Amhara (3.1 children), in urban areas (2.9 children), and among women in the fourth wealth quintile (3.5 children).

The percentage of women currently pregnant is a useful measure of current fertility, although not all women who are pregnant are likely to be included because they may not be aware that they are pregnant or may be reluctant to disclose a pregnancy in the early stages. Seven percent of women reported that they were pregnant at the time of the survey. Rural women were much more likely to be pregnant (8 percent) than urban women (4 percent). The highest proportion of women who were pregnant is in Affar (14 percent), while the lowest proportion was in Addis Ababa (3 percent). The percentage of women currently pregnant decreases with increasing level of education, from 10 percent among women with no education to 2 percent among those with secondary education. Similarly, current pregnancy decreases as household wealth increases.

4.3 FERTILITY TRENDS

Table 4.3 uses information from the retrospective birth histories obtained from the EMDHS respondents to examine trends in age-specific fertility rates for successive five-year periods before the survey. To calculate these rates, births were classified according to the period of time in which the birth occurred and the mother's age at the time of birth. Because birth histories have not been collected for women age 50 and over, the rates for older age groups become progressively more truncated for periods more distant from the survey date. For example, rates cannot be calculated for women age 45-49 for the periods 5-9 years or more prior to the survey because women in those age groups would have been 50 years or older at the time of the survey.

Table 4.3 shows that there was no consistent change in fertility from 15-19 years preceding the survey to 10-14 years preceding the survey. However, there has been a fertility decline in every age group in the subsequent three periods, 10-14 years, 5-9 years and 0-4 years preceding the survey. The decline has been particularly rapid between the periods 5-9 years and 0-4 years preceding the survey.

Table 4.3 Trends in age-specific fertility rates

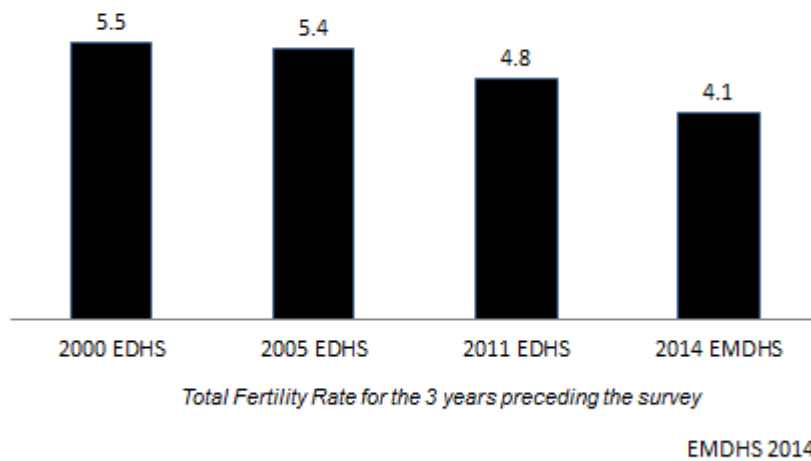
Age-specific fertility rates for five-year periods preceding the survey, by mother's age at the time of the birth, Ethiopia 2014

Mother's age at birth	Number of years preceding survey			
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19
15-19	76	133	172	186
20-24	195	259	294	294
25-29	209	264	300	291
30-34	175	255	276	[271]
35-39	146	201	[271]	
40-44	84	[146]		
45-49	[23]			

Note: Age-specific fertility rates are per 1,000 women. Estimates in brackets are truncated. Rates exclude the month of interview.

Another way to examine fertility trends is to compare current estimates with estimates from the three earlier EDHS surveys (Figure 4.2). These estimates show fertility trends over the last fifteen years. The data show that the TFR decreased only slightly from 5.5 children in 2000 to 5.4 children in 2005, with a more pronounced decline to 4.8 children in 2011. This trend continues between 2011 and 2014 with fertility declining by 0.7 children per women.

Figure 4.2 Trends in Fertility Rates, 2000-2014



Key Findings

- Knowledge of contraceptive methods is nearly universal in Ethiopia.
- Four in every ten currently married women (42 percent) are using a method of contraception, mostly modern methods (40 percent).
- By far the most popular modern method, used by 31 percent of currently married women, is injectables.
- Use of modern methods among currently married women has increased from 6 percent in 2000 to 40 percent in 2014—largely due to the sharp increase in the use of injectables, from 3 percent to 31 percent.

This chapter presents information from the 2014 Ethiopia Mini Demographic and Health Survey (EMDHS) on contraceptive knowledge and behaviour. Women's knowledge of family planning methods provides a measure of the level of awareness of contraception in the population and indicates the success of existing information, education, and communication programmes. Knowledge of at least one family planning method and a positive attitude toward contraception are prerequisites for the use of contraception.

Although information is presented for all women, the focus of this chapter is on currently married women, since within the Ethiopian context this group is the most susceptible to pregnancy. Comparisons are made with findings from the previous three EDHS surveys conducted in 2000, 2005 and 2011 to evaluate trends in Ethiopia over the last fifteen years to gauge the country's success towards achieving its health sector goals.

5.1 KNOWLEDGE OF CONTRACEPTIVE METHODS

Knowledge of family planning is a prerequisite to obtaining access to and using a suitable contraceptive method in a timely and effective manner. Interviewers collected information regarding knowledge of contraceptive methods by describing each method and asking female respondents if she had heard of it. Using this approach, interviewers collected information on 11 modern family planning methods: female and male sterilisation, the pill, the IUD, injectables, implants, male and female condoms, lactational amenorrhea method (LAM), emergency contraception, and the standard days method. Two traditional methods were also included in the survey: periodic abstinence (or rhythm) and withdrawal. Interviewers recorded any other traditional methods that respondents mentioned spontaneously.

Table 5.1 shows the percentage of all women and currently married women, age 15-49, who know any contraceptive method, by specific type. Knowledge of at least one method of contraception is nearly universal among currently married women in Ethiopia. A currently married woman knows on average more than five methods of contraception. Women are much more familiar with modern contraceptive methods than with traditional methods.

About nine in every ten currently married women have heard about the pill and injectables. LAM is the least known modern method. Only 2 percent of currently married women have heard of this method.

Table 5.1 Knowledge of contraceptive methods

Percentage of all women and currently married women age 15-49 who know any contraceptive method, by specific method, Ethiopia 2014

Method	Women	
	All women	Currently married women
Any method	96.7	97.5
Any modern method	96.5	97.3
Female sterilisation	39.9	40.1
Male sterilisation	10.6	10.4
Pill	87.8	90.1
IUD	38.9	37.8
Injectables	93.4	95.0
Implants	73.5	76.5
Male condom	75.5	72.3
Female condom	25.9	22.9
Lactational amenorrhoea (LAM)	1.4	1.6
Emergency contraception	18.5	16.1
Standard days method	3.8	3.8
Any traditional method	53.2	51.8
Rhythm	49.1	47.0
Withdrawal	27.2	25.9
Other	2.2	2.8
Mean number of methods known by respondents 15-49	5.5	5.4
Weighted number of respondents	8,070	5,145
Unweighted number of respondents	8,070	5,173

The overall knowledge of contraceptive methods among currently married women has increased from 86 percent in 2000 to its current level, a 13 percent increase over the last fifteen years. Knowledge has remained steady at 97 percent in the last three years. However, knowledge about IUD and implants has increased by 43 percent and 11 percent, respectively, while knowledge about male condoms decreased by 6 percent, over the same period.

5.2 CURRENT USE OF CONTRACEPTIVE METHODS

Current use of contraceptive methods is one of the indicators most frequently used to assess the success of family planning programmes. This section focuses on the levels, differentials, and trends in current use of family planning.

5.2.1 Current Use of Contraceptive Methods by Age

Table 5.2 presents current use of contraceptive methods among all women and currently married women age 15-49, by age group. The contraceptive prevalence rate is 29 percent for all women and 42 percent for currently married women. The vast majority of women use modern methods than traditional methods. Table 5.2 shows that 40 percent of currently married women are using a modern method compared with just 2 percent using a traditional method. The most commonly used modern method is injectables, currently used by 31 percent of currently married women. Five percent of currently married women use implants and 3 percent use the pill.

Current contraceptive use is lower among currently married women age 40 and above (some of whom are no longer fecund) than younger women. For example, 22 percent of currently married women age 45-49 report current use of a contraceptive method compared with 40 percent or more of currently married women below 40 years of age. Contraceptive use is highest among currently married women age 20-24 (48 percent). Current use of contraceptive methods is much lower among

Table 5.2 Current use of contraceptive methods by age

Percent distribution of all women and currently married women age 15-49 by contraceptive method currently used, according to age, Ethiopia 2014

Age	Any method	Any modern method	Modern method							Male condom	Other	Any traditional method	Traditional method			Not currently using	Total	Weighted number of women	Unweighted number of women
			Female sterilisation	Pill	IUD	Injectables	Implants	Rhythm	Withdrawal				Other						
ALL WOMEN																			
Age																			
15-19	9.3	9.2	0.0	0.9	0.3	7.3	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	90.7	100.0	1,782	1,689		
20-24	31.9	31.0	0.0	2.2	1.0	23.2	4.5	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.2	68.1	100.0	1,427	1,445		
25-29	39.5	37.9	0.0	2.5	0.4	28.9	5.1	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.2	0.1	0.2	60.5	100.0	1,606	1,621		
30-34	39.6	38.4	0.0	2.1	0.8	28.4	6.4	0.6	0.2	1.2	0.5	0.3	0.4	60.4	100.0	1,130	1,178		
35-39	36.5	34.6	0.7	1.7	1.0	27.9	2.7	0.7	0.0	1.9	1.0	0.6	0.2	63.5	100.0	1,033	1,038		
40-44	26.5	24.9	0.1	1.1	2.2	18.6	2.9	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	73.5	100.0	601	603		
45-49	17.9	17.2	0.6	1.8	0.5	13.4	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.0	82.1	100.0	491	496		
Total	28.8	27.8	0.1	1.8	0.8	21.2	3.4	0.3	0.1	1.1	0.6	0.2	0.2	71.2	100.0	8,070	8,070		
CURRENTLY MARRIED WOMEN																			
Age																			
15-19	40.1	39.6	0.0	4.3	0.8	32.3	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.1	59.9	100.0	364	405		
20-24	48.2	46.8	0.0	3.5	1.1	35.1	7.1	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.1	0.0	0.3	51.8	100.0	832	837		
25-29	46.2	44.4	0.0	3.0	0.4	34.0	5.8	0.5	0.6	1.9	1.5	0.2	0.2	53.8	100.0	1,267	1,289		
30-34	44.2	42.9	0.0	2.4	0.9	31.8	6.9	0.6	0.3	1.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	55.8	100.0	972	996		
35-39	42.8	40.5	0.8	1.8	1.2	32.7	3.3	0.7	0.0	2.3	1.2	0.8	0.3	57.2	100.0	840	838		
40-44	31.6	29.6	0.1	1.4	2.8	22.2	3.2	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.6	0.7	0.6	68.4	100.0	487	466		
45-49	21.7	20.8	0.0	2.3	0.7	17.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	78.3	100.0	382	342		
Total	42.0	40.4	0.1	2.7	1.0	31.1	4.9	0.4	0.2	1.6	0.9	0.4	0.3	58.0	100.0	5,145	5,173		

Note: If more than one method is used, only the most effective method is considered in this tabulation.
LAM = Lactational amenorrhea method

all women, and particularly among those age 15-19, than among currently married women, primarily because the all women category includes unmarried women and women who are separated, divorced or widowed, for whom use is relatively low.

5.2.2 Current Use of Contraceptive Methods By Background Characteristics

Table 5.3 shows substantial variations by background characteristics in the current use of contraceptive methods among currently married women. Currently married women in urban areas are more likely than their rural counterparts to use a contraceptive method (59 and 38 percent, respectively), to use any modern method (56 and 37 percent, respectively), and to use any traditional method (4 and 1 percent, respectively).

The pattern in the relationship between contraceptive use and number of living children is an inverted U-shape. Contraceptive use is highest among women with 1-2 children and lowest among women with five or more children.

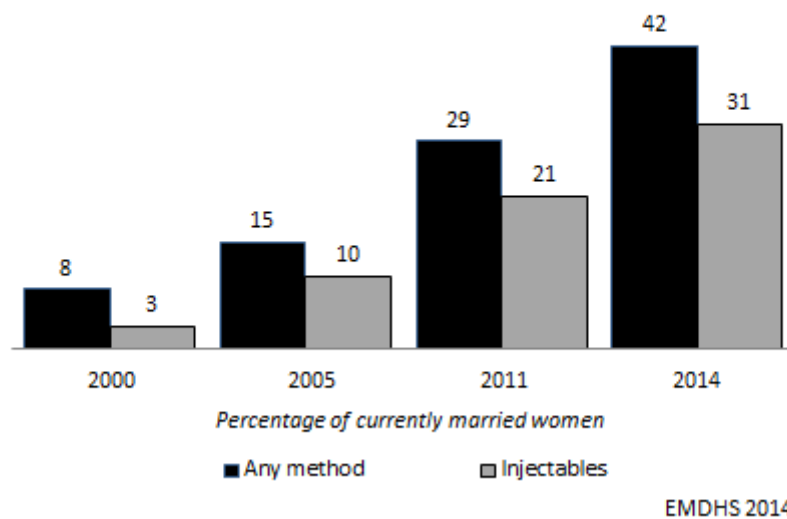
Use of any contraceptive method varies notably by region, ranging from 64 percent in Addis Ababa to 3 percent in the Somali region. Similarly use of any modern contraceptive method is highest in Addis Ababa (57 percent) and lowest in the Somali region (2 percent).

Current contraceptive use increases with women's education. Thirty-five percent of women with no education report current use of any method, compared with 70 percent of women with more than secondary education. Similarly, current use of any contraceptive method increases with wealth. Currently married women in the wealthiest household are twice as likely as women in the poorest household to use any contraceptive method (57 and 28 percent, respectively).

5.3 TRENDS IN CONTRACEPTIVE USE

Figure 5.1 shows trends in contraceptive use among currently married women over the last fifteen years from 2000 to 2014. There is a five-fold increase in the use of a method of contraception by currently married women, from 8 percent in 2000 to 42 percent in 2014. Much of this increase is attributable to the sharp increase in the use of injectables. Use of injectables increased from 3 percent in 2000 to 31 percent in 2014. In addition, although the overall use of implants continues to be low, its use has increased in the last 10 years from less than one percent (0.2 percent) in 2005 to 5 percent in 2014.

Figure 5.1 Trends in Current Use of Contraceptive Methods, 2000-2014



5.4 SOURCE OF MODERN CONTRACEPTIVE METHODS

Information on where women obtain their contraceptive methods is important from a programme and policy perspective. Women who were currently using a method of contraception were asked for the most recent source of the method they were using. Table 5.4 shows that the public sector continues to be the major source of modern contraceptive methods in Ethiopia and serves 87 percent of users. In contrast, only 12 percent of users reported that their source of a modern method was the private medical sector. The vast majority of women obtained their method from a government health centre (44 percent), and government health post or HEW (39 percent).

Table 5.4 Source of modern contraceptive methods

Percent distribution of users of modern contraceptive methods age 15-49 by most recent source of method, according to method, Ethiopia 2014

Source	Pill	IUD	Injectables	Implants	Total
Public sector	71.1	73.7	88.4	93.1	87.0
Government hospital	2.3	10.7	4.2	1.5	4.1
Government health centre	33.0	53.5	39.5	71.3	43.5
Government health station/clinic	1.1	0.1	2.6	0.0	2.1
Government health post/HEW	33.2	9.5	42.1	19.1	36.9
Other public	1.4	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.2
Private medical sector	26.3	26.3	11.4	6.9	12.4
Private hospital	0.0	8.5	0.2	0.4	0.6
Private clinic	9.8	5.6	6.8	1.8	6.2
Pharmacy	11.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
NGO health facility	3.2	6.4	2.3	2.3	2.4
Other NGO	1.8	5.8	1.7	2.4	2.1
Voluntary community health workers	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Other private medical	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2
Other source	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Drug vendor/store	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Shop	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Friend/relative	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Weighted number of women	144	61	1,712	278	2,237
Unweighted number of women	147	86	1,365	237	1,893

Note: Total includes male condom and diaphragm but excludes lactational amenorrhea method (LAM) and standard days method.

HEW = Health Extension Worker

Key Findings

- Forty-one percent of women who gave birth in the five years preceding the survey received antenatal care from a skilled provider, that is, from a doctor, nurse, or midwife for their most recent birth. This is a 52 percent increase over the last fifteen years.
- One woman in every three (32 percent) made four or more antenatal visits during the course of her pregnancy, up from 10 percent in 2000. The median duration of pregnancy at the time of the first antenatal visit is 4.9 months.
- Even though the percentage of facility births continues to be low in Ethiopia (16 percent), there has been remarkable progress in the last fifteen years from 5 percent in 2000.
- Only 13 percent of women received postnatal care within the first two days of delivery. Nevertheless, this is an improvement from fifteen years ago when only 2 percent received postnatal care during the same period.

Millennium Development Goal 5 (MDG5), calls for the improvement in maternal health, with a target of reducing the maternal mortality ratio (MMR) by three-quarters over the period 1990-2015. Accordingly, the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) has applied a multi-pronged approach to reduce maternal and newborn morbidity and mortality by improving access to and strengthening facility-based maternal and newborn services.

This chapter presents findings from the 2014 Ethiopia Mini Demographic and Health Survey (EMDHS) on maternal health, including antenatal, delivery, and postnatal care. The data presented in this chapter will assist policymakers, planners, and other collaborators in the health sector to monitor the progress achieved thus far in improving maternal health.

6.1 ANTENATAL CARE

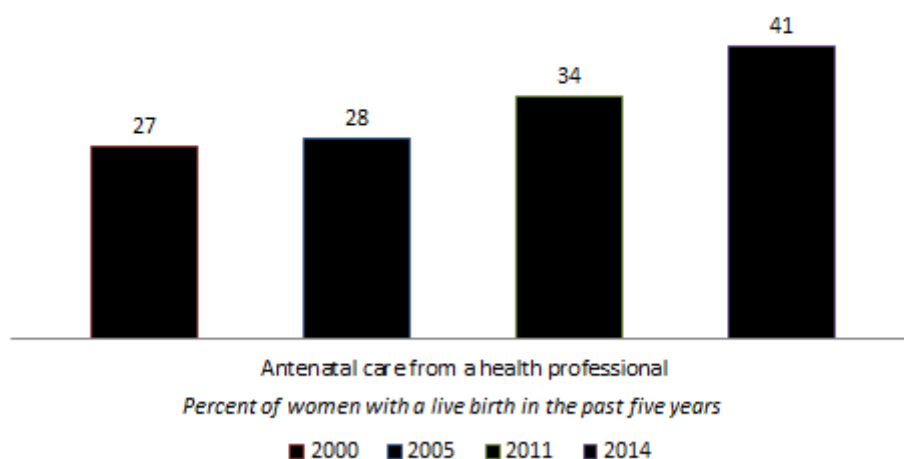
The quality of antenatal care (ANC) is dependent on the qualifications of health providers and the number and frequency of ANC visits. The content of services received and the kinds of information given to women during their ANC visits are also important components of quality care. These services raise awareness of the danger signs during the pregnancy, delivery, and postnatal period, improve the health-seeking behaviour of women, orient them to birth preparedness issues, and provide basic preventive and therapeutic care. The EMDHS obtained information on ANC coverage from women who had a birth in the five years preceding the survey. For women with two or more live births during the five-year period, the EMDHS data refer to the most recent birth only.

6.1.1 Coverage of Antenatal Care

Table 6.1 shows the percent distribution of mothers in the five years preceding the survey by source of antenatal care received during pregnancy, according to background characteristics of the women. For women who reported receiving antenatal care from more than one provider, only the provider with the highest qualification is considered.

Forty-one percent of pregnant women who gave birth in the five years preceding the survey received antenatal care from a skilled provider, that is, from a doctor, nurse, or midwife, for their most recent birth—35 percent from a nurse or midwife, and 6 percent from a doctor. Another 17 percent of

Figure 6.1 Trends in Antenatal Care, 2000-2014



EMDHS 2014

Urban women are more than twice as likely as rural women to receive ANC from a skilled provider. Eighty percent of women residing in urban areas received ANC services from a skilled provider for their last birth compared with 35 percent of women in rural areas. Urban women are eight times more likely, at 25 percent, than rural women, at 3 percent, to receive antenatal care from a doctor. Conversely, 20 percent of rural women received antenatal care from a HEW compared with 2 percent of urban woman. Antenatal care from a skilled provider ranges from a low of 19 percent in the Somali region to a high of 94 percent in Addis Ababa.

Education has a direct impact on whether pregnant women receive skilled antenatal care. Skilled antenatal care increases from 32 percent among women with no education to 96 percent among women with more than secondary education. Similarly, the proportion of women who received ANC rises from 24 percent among women in the lowest wealth quintile to 77 percent among women in the highest wealth quintile.

Twenty-eight percent of women in Productive Safety Nets Programme (PSNP) households received ANC from a skilled provider compared with 36 percent of women in non-PSNP households.

6.1.2 Number of ANC Visit and Timing of First Visit

Adverse pregnancy outcomes can be minimised or avoided altogether if antenatal care is received early in the pregnancy and continued through delivery. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that a woman without complications should have at least four antenatal visits, the first of which should take place during the first trimester. Table 6.2 presents information on the number of visits and the timing of the first visit.

Thirty-two percent of women with a live birth in the five years before the survey made four or more ANC visits during the length of their pregnancy, a marked improvement from 10 percent reported in the 2000 EDHS. Urban women are more likely than rural women to have made four or more visits (66 percent versus 27 percent).

Table 6.2 Number of antenatal care visits and timing of first visit

Percent distribution of women age 15-49 who had a live birth in the five years preceding the survey by number of antenatal care (ANC) visits for the most recent live birth, and by the timing of the first visit, and among women with ANC, median months pregnant at first visit, according to residence, Ethiopia 2014

Number and timing of ANC visits	Residence		Total
	Urban	Rural	
Number of ANC visits			
None	17.5	45.3	41.4
1	0.3	5.5	4.7
2-3	15.5	22.3	21.3
4+	65.7	26.5	32.1
Don't know/missing	1.0	0.4	0.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number of months pregnant at time of first ANC visit			
No antenatal care	17.5	45.3	41.4
<4	38.5	14.0	17.5
4-5	33.7	20.8	22.6
6-7	9.4	15.3	14.5
8+	0.3	3.9	3.4
Don't know/missing	0.7	0.7	0.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Weighted number of women	521	3,157	3,678
Unweighted number of women	745	2,967	3,712
Median months pregnant at first visit (for those with ANC)	4.1	5.2	4.9
Weighted number of women with ANC	430	1,724	2,154
Unweighted number of women with ANC	631	1,473	2,104

Eighteen percent of women made their first ANC visit before the fourth month of pregnancy, a three-fold increase from 6 percent in the 2000 EDHS. The median duration of pregnancy at the first visit is 4.9 months. Urban women made their first ANC visit more than a month earlier (4.1 months) than rural women (5.2 months).

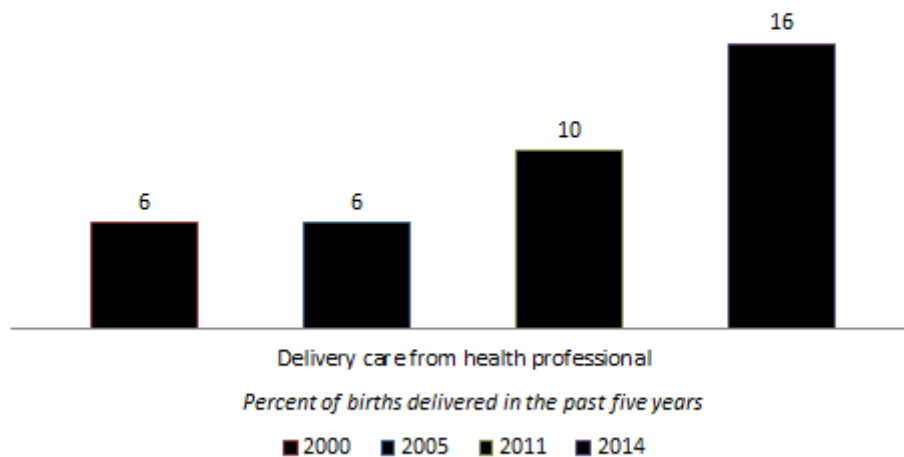
6.1.3 Components of Antenatal Care

In order to assess the quality of antenatal services, respondents were asked whether they had been advised of complications or received certain screening tests during at least one of their antenatal visits. Table 6.3 shows the percentage of women who took iron tablets, who were informed of the signs of pregnancy complications, and who received selected services during ANC visits for their most recent birth in the last five years.

Among women with a live birth in the five years preceding the survey, 34 percent took iron tablets during their last pregnancy. Consumption of iron tablets by pregnant women doubled from 15 percent in 2011 to 34 percent in 2014. There are substantial variations in the percentage of women who took iron tablets by age, birth order, residence, region, education and household wealth. The consumption of iron tablets is higher among urban women (41 percent) than among rural women (33 percent). Nevertheless, there has been a more than two-fold increase in iron tablet consumption among rural women in the last three years from 15 percent in 2011.

About one in every four (24 percent) women reported that they were informed of signs of pregnancy complications during their ANC visit. Women are more likely to be informed of signs of pregnancy complications while pregnant with their first birth compared with pregnancies of birth

Figure 6.2 Trends in Delivery Care, 2000-2014



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Not surprisingly, skilled providers attended an overwhelming majority of births delivered in a health facility compared with births delivered elsewhere. Urban births were more than six times as likely to be attended by skilled providers as rural births. Regional differences in delivery assistance are large. The proportion of births assisted by a skilled provider ranged from 10 percent in Affar to 86 percent in Addis Ababa. Skilled attendance at delivery increases with mother’s education and household wealth.

Eight percent of births to women in PSNP households was attended by skilled birth attendants compared with 9 percent of births to women in non-PSNP households.

Two percent of births were delivered by caesarean section. All C-sections took place in a health facility. C-sections were most likely to take place in urban areas, among highly educated mothers, and in the wealthiest quintiles.

6.4 REASONS FOR NOT DELIVERING IN A HEALTH FACILITY

Women who did not deliver at a health facility were asked for the reasons they chose not to do so. Table 6.8 shows that 46 percent of births did not take place in a health facility because mothers did not think it was necessary, and for 33 percent of births, mothers stated that it was not customary. Women said that the health facility was either too far or that they did not have transportation in the case of 21 percent of births. Urban women were more likely than rural women to report that health facility deliveries are not necessary (64 percent versus 45 percent). But rural women were more likely to report that facility deliveries are not customary (33 percent versus 21 percent), or that health facilities were too far or they had no transportation (22 percent versus 15 percent). Regional differences are marked. It is surprising to note that nearly seven in ten births in Dire Dawa did not take place in a health facility because mothers felt that it was too far or that they lacked transportation. Upon further investigation, it was found that the vast majority of women in the selected rural clusters in Dire Dawa cited this as a reason for not delivering in a health facility.

Key Findings

- There has been a substantial decline in the proportion of children stunted and underweight in the last 15 years and a smaller decline in the prevalence of wasting.
- Forty percent of children under age five were stunted, 9 percent were wasted and 25 percent underweight in 2014.
- Three percent of children in Ethiopia are classified as overweight or obese.

The poor nutritional status of children and women continues to be a serious problem in Ethiopia. The health sector has increased its efforts to enhance good nutritional practices through health education, treatment of extremely malnourished children, and provision of micronutrients to mothers and children. The government's Health Sector Development Plan IV (2010/11-2014/15) continues to improve the nutritional status of mothers and children through the following programmes: Enhanced Outreach Strategy (EOS) with Targeted Supplementary Food (TSF) and Transitioning of EOS into the Health Extension Programme (HEP), Health Facility Nutrition Services, Community Based Nutrition (CBN), and Micronutrient Interventions and Essential Nutrition Actions/Integrated Infant and Young Feeding Counselling Services.

The 2014 Ethiopia Mini Demographic and Health Survey (EMDHS) measured the height and weight of children under the age of 5 in all selected households to assess the nutritional status of the child.

7.1 NUTRITIONAL STATUS OF CHILDREN

The nutritional status of children was assessed in the EMDHS by weighing and measuring the height of all children in the household under age five. The evaluation of this data allows identification of subgroups of the child population that are vulnerable to faltered growth, disease, impaired mental development, and death.

7.1.1 Measurement of Nutritional Status among Young Children

Anthropometric data collected in the EMDHS are used to calculate three indices of nutritional status— height-for-age, weight-for-height, and weight-for-age.

These indices are based on the growth standards published by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2006. These growth standards were generated using data collected in the WHO Multicentre Growth Reference Study (WHO, 2006). The findings of the study, whose sample included 8,440 children in six countries (Brazil, Ghana, India, Norway, Oman, and the United States), describe how children should grow under optimal conditions. Therefore, the WHO Child Growth Standards can be used to assess children all over the world, regardless of ethnicity, social and economic influences, and feeding practices. The WHO child growth standards replace the previously used reference standards of the U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, accepted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (NCHS/CDC/WHO).

The three indices are expressed as standard deviation units from the median for the reference group. Children who fall below minus two standard deviations (-2 SD) from the median of the reference population are regarded as moderately malnourished, while those who fall below minus three standard deviations (-3 SD) from the median of the reference population are considered severely malnourished.

The height-for-age index provides an indicator of linear growth retardation and cumulative growth deficits in children. Children whose height-for-age Z-score is below minus two standard deviations (-2 SD) from the median of the WHO reference population are considered short for their age (stunted), or chronically malnourished. Children who are below minus three standard deviations (-3 SD) are considered severely stunted. Stunting reflects failure to receive adequate nutrition over a long period of time and is affected by recurrent and chronic illness. Height-for-age, therefore, represents the long-term effects of malnutrition in a population and is not sensitive to recent, short-term changes in dietary intake.

The weight-for-height index measures body mass in relation to body height or length; it describes current nutritional status. Children with Z-scores below minus two standard deviations (-2 SD) are considered thin (wasted) or acutely malnourished. Wasting represents the failure to receive adequate nutrition in the period immediately preceding the survey and may be the result of inadequate food intake or a recent episode of illness causing loss of weight and the onset of malnutrition. Children with a weight-for-height index below minus three standard deviations (-3 SD) are considered severely wasted.

The weight-for-height index also provides data on overweight and obesity. Children more than two standard deviations ($+2$ SD) above the median weight-for-height are considered overweight, or obese.

Weight-for-age is a composite index of height-for-age and weight-for-height. It takes into account both chronic and acute malnutrition. A child can be underweight for his/her age because he or she is stunted, wasted, or both. Weight-for-age is an overall indicator of a population's nutritional health. Children with weight-for-age below minus two standard deviations (-2 SD) are classified as underweight. Children with weight-for-age below minus three standard deviations (-3 SD) are considered severely underweight.

7.1.2 Data Collection

Interviewing teams measured the height and weight of all children born in the five years preceding the survey who are listed in the Household Questionnaire. The survey included children who were not biological offspring of the women interviewed. Each interviewing team carried a scale and measuring board. The scales were lightweight electronic SECA scales with a digital screen. They were designed and manufactured under the authority of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Short measuring boards especially for use in survey settings were purchased by UNICEF for use in the EMDHS. The weighing scales and height boards were identical to those used in the 2011 EDHS. Interviewers measured the recumbent length, that is, length while lying down, of children younger than 24 months and measured the standing height of older children. In a few cases the team measured recumbent length—when the child's age was not known and the child was less than 85 centimetres tall. The scale allowed weighing of very young children through an automatic mother-child adjustment that eliminated the mother's weight while she was standing on the scale with her baby.

A total of 5,401 children under age five were eligible to be weighed and measured. Data are presented for 4,893 (4,921 children weighted) of these children: 5 percent had missing values for height or weight and 4 percent had height or weight measures considered to be out of the range for their ages. Table 7.1 and Figure 7.1 show the percentage of children under age 5 classified as malnourished according to the three anthropometric indices of nutritional status: height-for-age, weight-for-height, and weight-for-age.

7.1.3 Measures of Children's Nutritional Status

Height-for-age

Nationally, 40 percent of children under age five are stunted, and 19 percent of children are severely stunted. In general, the prevalence of stunting increases as the age of a child increases, with the highest prevalence of chronic malnutrition found in children age 24-35 months (52 percent) and lowest in children between age six and eight months (9 percent). With the exception of first births, there is an inverse relationship between the length of the preceding birth interval and the proportion of children who are stunted. The longer the interval, the lower the proportion of children stunted.

The percentage of children stunted is higher in rural areas (42 percent) than in urban areas (27 percent). There is regional variation in the prevalence of stunting in children. Stunting levels are above the national average in Tigray and Affar (46 percent each), SNNP (44 percent) and Amhara (42 percent), and relatively low in Gambela and Addis Ababa (22 and 23 percent, respectively).

The mother's level of education has an inverse relationship with stunting levels. For example, children of mothers with more than secondary education are the least likely to be stunted (8 percent), while children whose mothers have no education are the most likely to be stunted (43 percent). A similar inverse relationship is observed between household wealth and stunting levels of children. Stunting among children in PSNP households is higher (47 percent) than among children in non-PSNP households (42 percent).

Weight-for-height

Overall, 9 percent of Ethiopian children are wasted, and 3 percent are severely wasted. Wasting, or acute malnutrition, is highest in children less than 6 months of age and children age 12-17 months (15 percent and 14 percent, respectively) and lowest in children age 36-47 months (5 percent). Male children are slightly more likely to be wasted (10 percent) than female children (7 percent). Wasting is high in children from the Somali region (28 percent), in children whose mothers have no education (11 percent), and in children from the poorest households (11 percent). Wasting is similar among children in PSNP households as among children in non-PSNP households (9 percent each).

A small proportion of children in Ethiopia are classified as overweight or obese. Overall, 3 percent of children below age five years are overweight or obese (+2 SD). Obesity is relatively higher among children in Benishangul-Gumuz, Addis Ababa and SNNP (5-6 percent). Children of mothers with more than secondary education are substantially more likely to be overweight (7 percent) than children of mothers with lower levels of education (2-3 percent).

Figure 7.1 Nutritional Status of Children by Age



Weight-for-age

Table 7.1 shows that 25 percent of children under age five are underweight (have low weight-for-age), and 7 percent are severely underweight. The proportion of underweight children is highest in the age group 24-35 months (31 percent) and lowest among children age 6-8 months (7 percent). This may be explained by the fact that foods for weaning are typically introduced to children in the older age group, thus increasing their exposure to infections and susceptibility to illness. This tendency, coupled with inappropriate or inadequate feeding practices, may contribute to faltering nutritional status among children in these age groups.

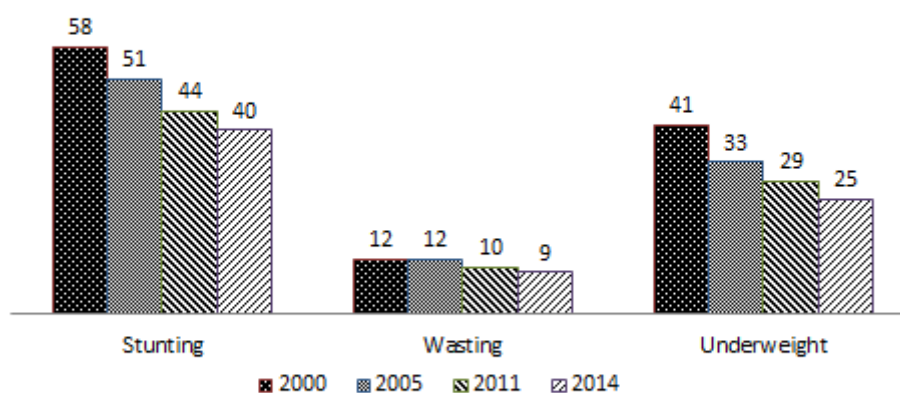
Rural children are more likely to be underweight (27 percent) than urban children (15 percent). The proportion of underweight children varies by region. Addis Ababa has the lowest proportion of underweight children, at 7 percent, while Affar has the highest prevalence of underweight children, at 44 percent. The proportion of underweight children is nearly five times higher for those born to uneducated mothers than for those whose mothers have more than secondary education (29 percent versus 6 percent). The proportion of underweight children decreases as household wealth increases. Children born to mothers in the lowest wealth quintile are more than twice as likely to be underweight as children born to mothers in the highest wealth quintile (15 percent compared with 32 percent). Children in PSNP household are more likely to be underweight (31 percent) than children in non-PSNP households (26 percent).

7.2 TRENDS IN CHILDREN'S NUTRITIONAL STATUS

Trends in the nutritional status of children for the period 2000-2014 are shown in Figure 7.2. For the purpose of comparison, the data for 2000 and 2005 were recalculated using the new WHO standard reference population making it comparable to the results of the 2011 EDHS and the 2014 EMDHS.

Figure 7.2 shows a downward trend in the proportion of children stunted and underweight over the four DHS surveys. The prevalence of stunting decreased by 31 percent (from 58 percent to 40 percent) between 2000 and 2014. The decline in the proportion of stunted Ethiopian children shows improvement in chronic malnutrition over the past fifteen years. The proportion of children underweight declined even more substantially by 39 percent over the same period. There was only a small decline in the prevalence of wasting over the last 15 years.

Figure 7.2 Trends in Nutritional Status of Children Under Age 5, 2000-2014



Note: For comparison purposes, the 2000 and 2005 anthropometric indicators are computed on the basis of the new WHO Standards and as such are different from the published reports. The values in the figure indicate percentage below -2 SD

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unweighted cases equal to the total number of weighted cases at the national level. The normalized weights are relative weights which are valid for estimating means, proportions and ratios, but not valid for estimating population totals and for pooled data.

Sampling errors were calculated for selected indicators for the national sample, for urban and rural areas separately, and for each of the eleven regions.

The estimates from a sample survey are affected by two types of errors: (1) nonsampling errors, and (2) sampling errors. Nonsampling errors are the results of mistakes made in implementing data collection and data processing, such as failure to locate and interview the correct household, misunderstanding of the questions on the part of either the interviewer or the respondent, and data entry errors. Although numerous efforts were made during the implementation of the 2014 Ethiopia Mini Demographic and Health Survey (EMDHS) to minimize this type of error, nonsampling errors are impossible to avoid and difficult to evaluate statistically.

Sampling errors, on the other hand, can be evaluated statistically. The sample of respondents selected in the EMDHS is only one of many samples that could have been selected from the same population, using the same design and identical size. Each of these samples would yield results that differ somewhat from the results of the actual sample selected. Sampling error is a measure of the variability between all possible samples. Although the degree of variability is not known exactly, it can be estimated from the survey results.

A sampling error is usually measured in terms of the *standard error* for a particular statistic (mean, percentage, etc.), which is the square root of the variance. The standard error can be used to calculate confidence intervals within which the true value for the population can reasonably be assumed to fall. For example, for any given statistic calculated from a sample survey, the value of that statistic will fall within a range of plus or minus two times the standard error of that statistic in 95 percent of all possible samples of identical size and design.

If the sample of respondents had been selected as a simple random sample, it would have been possible to use straightforward formulas for calculating sampling errors. However, the EMDHS sample is the result of a multi-stage stratified design, and, consequently, it was necessary to use more complex formulae. Sampling errors for the EMDHS was calculated using the Taylor linearization method for variance estimation for survey estimates that are means or proportions. The Jackknife repeated replication method is used for variance estimation of more complex statistics such as fertility and mortality rates.

The Taylor linearization method treats any percentage or average as a ratio estimate, $r = y/x$, where y represents the total sample value for variable y , and x represents the total number of cases in the group or subgroup under consideration. The variance of r is computed using the formula given below, with the standard error being the square root of the variance:

$$SE^2(r) = var(r) = \frac{1-f}{x^2} \sum_{h=1}^H \left[\frac{m_h}{m_h-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{m_h} z_{hi}^2 - \frac{z_h^2}{m_h} \right) \right]$$

in which

$$z_{hi} = y_{hi} - rx_{hi}, \text{ and } z_h = y_h - rx_h$$

The confidence interval (e.g., as calculated for the proportion of pregnant women age 15-49) can be interpreted as follows: the overall proportion from the national sample is 7.3 percent and its standard error is 0.05 percent. Therefore, to obtain the 95 percent confidence limits, one adds and subtracts twice the standard error to the sample estimate, i.e., $7.3 \pm 2 \times 0.005$. There is a high probability (95 percent) that the *true* average proportion of pregnant women to all women over age 40 is between 6.4 percent and 8.3 percent.

For the total sample, the value of the design effect (DEFT), averaged over all variables is 2.217. This means that, due to multistage and clustering of the sample, the average standard error is increased by a factor of 2.217 over that in an equivalent simple random sample.

Table C.2 Age distribution of eligible and interviewed women

De facto household population of women age 10-54, interviewed women age 15-49; and percent distribution and percentage of eligible women who were interviewed (weighted), by five-year age groups, Ethiopia 2014

Age group	Household population of women age 10-54	Interviewed women age 15-49		Percentage of eligible women interviewed
		Number	Percentage	
10-14	3,072	na	na	na
15-19	1,910	1,814	22.1	95.0
20-24	1,531	1,463	17.8	95.5
25-29	1,684	1,641	19.9	97.4
30-34	1,184	1,147	13.9	96.8
35-39	1,086	1,064	12.9	97.9
40-44	621	600	7.3	96.6
45-49	524	499	6.1	95.1
50-54	684	na	na	na
15-49	8,541	8,226	100.0	96.3

Note: The de facto population includes all residents and nonresidents who stayed in the household the night before the interview. Weights for both household population of women and interviewed women are household weights. Age is based on the household questionnaire.

na = Not applicable

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Introduction and Consent

Hello. My name is _____ and I am working with the Central Statistical Agency (CSA). We are conducting a national survey about various health issues. We would very much appreciate your participation in this survey. This information will help the government to plan health services. The survey usually takes between 10 and 15 minutes to complete. As part of the survey we would first like to ask some questions about your household. Whatever information you provide will be kept strictly confidential, and will not be shared with anyone other than members of our survey team.

Participation in this survey is voluntary, and if we should come to any question you don't want to answer, just let me know and I will go on to the next question; or you can stop the interview at any time. However, we hope you will participate in the survey since your views are important.

At this time, do you want to ask me anything about the survey?
May I begin the interview now?

Signature of interviewer: _____ Date: _____

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WEIGHT AND HEIGHT MEASUREMENT FOR CHILDREN AGE 0-5

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		CHILD 4	CHILD 5	CHILD 6
202	LINE NUMBER FROM COLUMN 11 NAME FROM COLUMN 2	LINE NUMBER ... <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> NAME _____	LINE NUMBER ... <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> NAME _____	LINE NUMBER ... <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> NAME _____
203	IF MOTHER INTERVIEWED, COPY MONTH AND YEAR FROM BIRTH HISTORY AND ASK DAY; IF MOTHER NOT INTERVIEWED, ASK: What is (NAME'S) birth date?	DAY <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> MONTH <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> YEAR <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	DAY <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> MONTH <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> YEAR <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	DAY <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> MONTH <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> YEAR <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
204	CHECK 203: CHILD BORN IN MESKEREM 2001 OR LATER	YES 1 NO 2 (GO TO 203 FOR NEXT CHILD OR, IF NO MORE CHILDREN, END INTERVIEW) ←	YES 1 NO 2 (GO TO 203 FOR NEXT CHILD OR, IF NO MORE CHILDREN, END INTERVIEW) ←	YES 1 NO 2 (GO TO 203 IN FIRST COLUMN OF NEW QUESTIONNAIRE; OR IF NO MORE CHILDREN, END INTERVIEW) ←
205	WEIGHT IN KILOGRAMS.	KG. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> NOT PRESENT ... 9994 REFUSED 9995 OTHER 9996	KG. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> NOT PRESENT ... 9994 REFUSED 9995 OTHER 9996	KG. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> NOT PRESENT ... 9994 REFUSED 9995 OTHER 9996
206	HEIGHT IN CENTIMETERS	CM. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> NOT PRESENT ... 9994 REFUSED 9995 OTHER 9996	CM. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> NOT PRESENT ... 9994 REFUSED 9995 OTHER 9996	CM. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> NOT PRESENT ... 9994 REFUSED 9995 OTHER 9996
207	MEASURED LYING DOWN OR STANDING UP?	LYING DOWN 1 STANDING UP 2 NOT MEASURED 3	LYING DOWN 1 STANDING UP 2 NOT MEASURED 3	LYING DOWN 1 STANDING UP 2 NOT MEASURED 3
208	GO BACK TO 203 IN NEXT COLUMN IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE OR IN THE FIRST COLUMN OF THE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE. IF NO MORE CHILDREN, END INTERVIEW.			

SECTION 1. RESPONDENT'S BACKGROUND

INTRODUCTION AND CONSENT

<p>INFORMED CONSENT</p> <p>Hello. My name is _____ and I am working with the Central Statistical Agency (CSA). We are conducting a survey about health all over Ethiopia. The information we collect will help the government to plan health services. Your household was selected for the survey. The survey usually takes about 15 to 30 minutes. All of the answers you give will be confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than members of our survey team. You don't have to be in the survey, but we hope you will agree to answer the questions since your views are important. If I ask you any question you don't want to answer, just let me know and I will go on to the next question or you can stop the interview at any time.</p> <p>Do you have any questions? May I begin the interview now?</p> <p>Signature of interviewer: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>RESPONDENT AGREES TO BE INTERVIEWED 1 RESPONDENT DOES NOT AGREE TO BE INTERVIEWED ... 2 → END</p>
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NO.	QUESTIONS AND FILTERS	CODING CATEGORIES	SKIP
101	RECORD THE TIME. MORNING = 1 EVENING = 2	MORNING/EVENING <input type="checkbox"/> HOUR <input type="checkbox"/> MINUTES <input type="checkbox"/>	
101A	COLLECT ANY RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT MAY HAVE INFORMATION ON THE RESPONDENT AND HER CHILDREN'S AGE.		
102	In what month and year were you born?	MONTH <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW MONTH 98 YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW YEAR 9998	
103	How old were you at your last birthday? COMPARE AND CORRECT 102 AND/OR 103 IF INCONSISTENT.	AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS <input type="checkbox"/>	
104	Have you ever attended school?	YES 1 NO 2	→ 108
105	What is the highest level of school you attended: primary, secondary, technical/vocational or higher?	PRIMARY 1 SECONDARY 2 TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL 3 HIGHER 4	
106	What is the highest grade/number of years you completed at that level? IF COMPLETED PRIMARY OR SECONDARY, RECORD COMPLETED GRADE. IF TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL OR HIGHER, RECORD YEARS COMPLETED. IF COMPLETED LESS THAN ONE YEAR AT THAT LEVEL RECORD '00'.	GRADE/NUMBER OF YEARS <input type="checkbox"/>	
107	CHECK 105: PRIMARY <input type="checkbox"/> SECONDARY AND ABOVE <input type="checkbox"/>		→ 201
108	Now I would like you to read this sentence to me. SHOW CARD TO RESPONDENT. IF RESPONDENT CANNOT READ WHOLE SENTENCE, PROBE: Can you read any part of the sentence to me?	CANNOT READ AT ALL 1 ABLE TO READ ONLY PARTS OF SENTENCE 2 ABLE TO READ WHOLE SENTENCE. . 3 NO CARD WITH REQUIRED LANGUAGE 4 (SPECIFY LANGUAGE) BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED 5	

211 Now I would like to record the names of all your births, whether still alive or not, starting with the first one you had.
 RECORD NAMES OF ALL THE BIRTHS IN 212. RECORD TWINS AND TRIPLETS ON SEPARATE ROWS.
 (IF THERE ARE MORE THAN 12 BIRTHS, USE AN ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE, STARTING WITH THE SECOND ROW).

212	213	214	215	216	217 IF ALIVE:	218 IF ALIVE:	219 IF ALIVE:	220 IF DEAD:	221
What name was given to your (first/next) baby? (NAME)	Is (NAME) a boy or a girl? BOY 1 GIRL 2	Were any of these births twins? SING 1 MULT 2	In what month and year was (NAME) born? PROBE: When is his/her birthday? MONTH <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> YEAR <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Is (NAME) still alive? YES . . . 1 NO . . . 2 ↓ 220	How old was (NAME) at his/her last birthday? RECORD AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS. AGE IN YEARS <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Is (NAME) living with you? YES . . . 1 NO 2	RECORD HOUSE-HOLD LINE NUMBER OF CHILD (RECORD '00' IF CHILD NOT LISTED IN HOUSE-HOLD). LINE NUMBER <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> ↓ (NEXT BIRTH)	How old was (NAME) when he/she died? IF '1 YR', PROBE: How many months old was (NAME)? RECORD DAYS IF LESS THAN 1 MONTH; MONTHS IF LESS THAN TWO YEARS; OR YEARS. DAYS . . . 1 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> MONTHS 2 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> YEARS . 3 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Were there any other live births between (NAME OF PREVIOUS BIRTH) and (NAME), including any children who died after birth? <input type="checkbox"/>
01									<input type="checkbox"/>
02							LINE NUMBER <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> ↓ (GO TO 221)		YES 1 ADD ↵ BIRTH NO 2 NEXT ↵ BIRTH
03							LINE NUMBER <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> ↓ (GO TO 221)		YES 1 ADD ↵ BIRTH NO 2 NEXT ↵ BIRTH
04							LINE NUMBER <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> ↓ (GO TO 221)		YES 1 ADD ↵ BIRTH NO 2 NEXT ↵ BIRTH
05							LINE NUMBER <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> ↓ (GO TO 221)		YES 1 ADD ↵ BIRTH NO 2 NEXT ↵ BIRTH
06							LINE NUMBER <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> ↓ (GO TO 221)		YES 1 ADD ↵ BIRTH NO 2 NEXT ↵ BIRTH
07							LINE NUMBER <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> ↓ (GO TO 221)		YES 1 ADD ↵ BIRTH NO 2 NEXT ↵ BIRTH

212	213	214	215	216	217 IF ALIVE:	218 IF ALIVE:	219 IF ALIVE:	220 IF DEAD:	221
What name was given to your next baby? (NAME)	Is (NAME) a boy or a girl?	Were any of these births twins?	In what month and year was (NAME) born? PROBE: When is his/her birthday?	Is (NAME) still alive?	How old was (NAME) at his/her last birthday? RECORD AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS.	Is (NAME) living with you?	RECORD HOUSEHOLD LINE NUMBER OF CHILD (RECORD '00' IF CHILD NOT LISTED IN HOUSEHOLD).	How old was (NAME) when he/she died? IF '1 YR', PROBE: How many months old was (NAME)? RECORD DAYS IF LESS THAN 1 MONTH; MONTHS IF LESS THAN TWO YEARS; OR YEARS.	Were there any other live births between (NAME OF PREVIOUS BIRTH) and (NAME), including any children who died after birth?
08	BOY 1 GIRL 2	SING 1 MULT 2	MONTH <input type="text"/> YEAR <input type="text"/>	YES... 1 NO... 2 ↓ 220	AGE IN YEARS <input type="text"/>	YES... 1 NO... 2	LINE NUMBER <input type="text"/> ↓ (GO TO 221)	DAYS... 1 MONTHS 2 YEARS... 3	YES... 1 ADD ↙ BIRTH NO... 2 NEXT ↘ BIRTH
09	BOY 1 GIRL 2	SING 1 MULT 2	MONTH <input type="text"/> YEAR <input type="text"/>	YES... 1 NO... 2 ↓ 220	AGE IN YEARS <input type="text"/>	YES... 1 NO... 2	LINE NUMBER <input type="text"/> ↓ (GO TO 221)	DAYS... 1 MONTHS 2 YEARS... 3	YES... 1 ADD ↙ BIRTH NO... 2 NEXT ↘ BIRTH
10	BOY 1 GIRL 2	SING 1 MULT 2	MONTH <input type="text"/> YEAR <input type="text"/>	YES... 1 NO... 2 ↓ 220	AGE IN YEARS <input type="text"/>	YES... 1 NO... 2	LINE NUMBER <input type="text"/> ↓ (GO TO 221)	DAYS... 1 MONTHS 2 YEARS... 3	YES... 1 ADD ↙ BIRTH NO... 2 NEXT ↘ BIRTH
11	BOY 1 GIRL 2	SING 1 MULT 2	MONTH <input type="text"/> YEAR <input type="text"/>	YES... 1 NO... 2 ↓ 220	AGE IN YEARS <input type="text"/>	YES... 1 NO... 2	LINE NUMBER <input type="text"/> ↓ (GO TO 221)	DAYS... 1 MONTHS 2 YEARS... 3	YES... 1 ADD ↙ BIRTH NO... 2 NEXT ↘ BIRTH
12	BOY 1 GIRL 2	SING 1 MULT 2	MONTH <input type="text"/> YEAR <input type="text"/>	YES... 1 NO... 2 ↓ 220	AGE IN YEARS <input type="text"/>	YES... 1 NO... 2	LINE NUMBER <input type="text"/> ↓ (GO TO 221)	DAYS... 1 MONTHS 2 YEARS... 3	YES... 1 ADD ↙ BIRTH NO... 2 NEXT ↘ BIRTH
222	Have you had any live births since the birth of (NAME OF LAST BIRTH)? IF YES, RECORD BIRTH(S) IN THE ABOVE TABLE.					YES 1 NO 2			
223	COMPARE 208 WITH NUMBER OF BIRTHS IN HISTORY ABOVE AND MARK: NUMBERS ARE SAME <input type="checkbox"/> NUMBERS ARE DIFFERENT <input type="checkbox"/> (PROBE AND RECONCILE)								
224	CHECK 215 AND ENTER THE NUMBER OF BIRTHS IN MESKEREM 2001 E.C. OR LATER. IF NONE, CIRCLE '0'.							<input type="text"/> NONE 0	
226	Are you pregnant now?					YES 1 NO 2 UNSURE 8		↘ 301	
227	How many months pregnant are you? RECORD NUMBER OF COMPLETED MONTHS.					MONTHS <input type="text"/>			

SECTION 3. CONTRACEPTION

301	Now I would like to talk about family planning - the various ways or methods that a couple can use to delay or avoid a pregnancy. Have you ever heard of (METHOD)?		
01	Female sterilization PROBE: Women can have an operation to avoid having any more children.	YES 1 NO 2	
02	Male sterilization PROBE: Men can have an operation to avoid having any more children.	YES 1 NO 2	
03	IUD PROBE: Women can have a loop or coil placed inside them by a doctor or a nurse.	YES 1 NO 2	
04	Injectables PROBE: Women can have an injection by a health provider that stops them from becoming pregnant for one or more months.	YES 1 NO 2	
05	Implants (Implanon/Jadelle/ Norplants) PROBE: Women can have one or more small rods placed in their upper arm by a doctor or nurse which can prevent pregnancy for one or more years.	YES 1 NO 2	
06	Pill PROBE: Women can take a pill every day to avoid becoming pregnant.	YES 1 NO 2	
07	Male condom PROBE: Men can put a rubber sheath on their penis before sexual intercourse.	YES 1 NO 2	
08	Female Condom PROBE: Women can place a sheath in their vagina before sexual intercourse.	YES 1 NO 2	
09	Standard Days Method PROBE: Women can use a cycle of beads to count the days they are most likely to get pregnant and avoid sexual intercourse during those days.	YES 1 NO 2	
09A	Lactational Amenorrhea Method (LAM)	YES 1 NO 2	
10	Rhythm Method PROBE: Every month that a woman is sexually active she can avoid pregnancy by not having sexual intercourse on the days of the month she is most likely to get pregnant.	YES 1 NO 2	
11	Withdrawal PROBE: Men can be careful and pull out before climax.	YES 1 NO 2	
12	Emergency Contraception PROBE: As an emergency measure, within three days after they have unprotected sexual intercourse, women can take special pills to prevent pregnancy	YES 1 NO 2	
13	Have you heard of any other ways or methods that women or men can use to avoid pregnancy?	YES 1 _____ (SPECIFY) _____ (SPECIFY) NO 2	

302	CHECK 226: NOT PREGNANT OR UNSURE <input type="checkbox"/> PREGNANT <input type="checkbox"/>		→ 305
303	Are you currently doing something or using any method to delay or avoid getting pregnant?	YES 1 NO 2	→ 305
304	Which method are you using? IF MORE THAN ONE METHOD MENTIONED, FOLLOW SKIP INSTRUCTION FOR HIGHEST METHOD IN LIST. CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED.	FEMALE STERILIZATION A MALE STERILIZATION B IUD C INJECTABLES D IMPLANTS E PILL F MALE CONDOM G FEMALE CONDOM H DIAPHRAGM/FOAM/JELLY I STANDARD DAYS METHOD J LACTATIONAL AMEN. METHOD K RHYTHM METHOD L WITHDRAWAL M OTHER MODERN METHOD X OTHER TRADITIONAL METHOD Y	→ 304A → 304B → 305
304A	Where did you obtain (METHOD FROM Q.304) the last time? IF MORE THAN ONE METHOD CIRCLED IN Q.304 ASK ABOUT THE METHOD THAT IS HIGHEST ON THE LIST. PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. _____ (NAME OF PLACE)	PUBLIC SECTOR GOVT.HOSPITAL 11 GOVT. HEALTH CENTER 12 GOVT. HEALTH STATION/CLINIC 13 GOVT. HEALTH POST/HEW 14 OTHER PUBLIC 15 (SPECIFY) NGO NGO HEALTH FACILITY 21 VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS 22 OTHER NGO 26 (SPECIFY) PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR PRIVATE HOSPITAL 31 PRIVATE CLINIC 32 PHARMACY 33 OTHER PRIVATE MEDICAL 36 (SPECIFY) OTHER SOURCE DRUG VENDOR/STORE 41 SHOP 42 FRIEND/RELATIVE 43 OTHER 96 (SPECIFY)	
304B	Where did you learn how to use the standard days method/rhythm method/lactational amenorhea method?	PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR PRIVATE HOSPITAL 31 PRIVATE CLINIC 32 PHARMACY 33 OTHER PRIVATE MEDICAL 36 (SPECIFY) OTHER SOURCE DRUG VENDOR/STORE 41 SHOP 42 FRIEND/RELATIVE 43 OTHER 96 (SPECIFY)	
305	Are you currently married or living together w ith a man as if married?	YES, CURRENTLY MARRIED 1 YES, LIVING WITH A MAN 2 NO, NOT IN UNION 3	→ 401
306	Have you ever been married or lived together w ith a man as if married?	YES, FORMERLY MARRIED 1 YES, LIVED WITH A MAN 2 NO 3	→ 401
307	What is your marital status now : are you widow ed, divorced, or separated?	WIDOWED 1 DIVORCED 2 SEPARATED 3	

INTERVIEWER'S OBSERVATIONS

TO BE FILLED IN AFTER COMPLETING INTERVIEW

COMMENTS ABOUT RESPONDENT:

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:

ANY OTHER COMMENTS:

SUPERVISOR'S OBSERVATIONS

NAME OF SUPERVISOR: _____ DATE: _____

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS

NAME OF EDITOR: _____ DATE: _____